

Statement on the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Education

School of Education- Point Park University

At Point Park University, we embrace the use of artificial intelligence (AI) as a vital tool for ethical, creative, and critical thinking across undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs. We recognize that the hybrid professional archetype-AI-literate and human-centered-is essential for the next generation of educators and professionals. As such, the School of Education is committed to preparing teachers, school leaders, and instructional technology specialists who are equipped to thoughtfully integrate AI in ways that enrich learning and promote equity.

We support the responsible, transparent, and pedagogically sound use of AI to enhance instruction, inform leadership decisions, and foster innovation. Our approach encourages exploration while upholding the values of academic integrity, ethical practice, and student-centered learning.

A Green-Yellow-Red Light Framework for AI Use:

- **Green Light:** Professors and students are encouraged to innovate and explore AI's potential to enhance teaching, research, and problem-solving in ways that deepen understanding and uphold academic integrity.
- **Yellow Light:** Use AI with careful discernment-critically evaluate sources, verify outputs, and clearly attribute AI-generated content to maintain transparency and originality.
- **Red Light:** It is unacceptable to use AI to plagiarize, fabricate, or misrepresent work. Any misuse that undermines ethical scholarship and trust will not be tolerated.

Application Across Programs:

- **Teacher Preparation:** Future educators are taught to use AI to personalize learning, support diverse learners, and promote critical thinking—always maintaining a human-centered approach to teaching and modeling ethical AI use in the classroom.
- **School Leadership:** Aspiring leaders learn to evaluate and implement AI tools that support data-informed decision-making, improve operations, and ensure technology use aligns with equity, transparency, and ethical responsibility.
- **Instructional Technology:** Specialists are trained to assess emerging technologies, guide ethical implementation, and support schools in leveraging AI to improve teaching and learning while remaining grounded in inclusive digital practices.

Together, we foster an academic culture that empowers all learners to leverage AI responsibly while staying rooted in human connection, integrity, and purposeful innovation.

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