Guidelines for the use of artificial intelligence at BIOVIT

Is it allowed to use artificial intelligence (AI) as a student? Here you will find guidelines for how you can use AI as an aid on assignments.

The guidelines apply to students at the Faculty of Life Sciences. This is how you can use artificial intelligence (AI):

1. You can use AI in your work on assignments, lab reports and presentations.
If you use AI, you must do so in accordance with the guidelines described below.

2. You are responsible for ensuring the quality and reliability of AI-generated information. We expect you to actively adhere to academic norms for honesty, accountability and transparency by clearly stating when and how you have used such texts. You must also describe how AI information has been fact-checked. You may not use AI-generated texts as a source basis for factual information. You must critically assess results obtained from AI tools to ensure that they are research-based.

3. If you use AI in the assignment, you must account for its use. You can do this by describing how you have used AI and which platform you have used. In a bachelor's or master's thesis, this account is placed in a separate subchapter or section of the thesis, for example, in the methodology chapter.

4. AI can cite fictitious sources, so it is recommended to cite sources with page references as far as possible. We advise against using such tools as the only source for exhaustive literature search. Instead, we recommend that you use the subscription databases that all students have free access to through the library.

5. You are responsible for familiarizing yourself with NMBU's regulations for plagiarism. Here it is stated that exam papers and assignments must be the student's own work: "If text is copied from other sources, students get others to write the text for them, or use e.g. ChatGPT or other AI-tools without stating the source, this is considered an attempt at cheating." The result may be that you will have your exam/assignment/course canceled and be banned from the university. However, it is allowed to use AI to improve grammar and do proofing on texts you have written yourself.

6. Because you have the opportunity to use AI in your bachelor's or master's thesis, the oral defense of your thesis is important. It is crucial that you can explain theory, method and process through reflection and by giving examples.

7. The supervisor for the bachelor's or master's thesis is responsible for addressing the use of AI. They can provide advice for constructive and critical use of AI and contribute to good academic craftsmanship.

Background: The guidelines are designed by the Teaching Committee at BIOVIT with
based on similar guidelines at the Norwegian School of Economics and REALTEK NMBU.