

**Guideline of Ravensburg-Weingarten University of Applied Sciences
on the use of AI tools for the preparation of academic papers
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RWU permits the use of AI tools, provided that their use has been agreed with the supervisor or examiner and is disclosed. Just as you must provide all sources for quotations and image, video and audio material, you are also obliged to indicate aids from the field of AI in a way that allows traceability. For this purpose, it is sufficient to give a summary in the form of the annex shown as an example on the next page.

Failure to disclose the AI tools used is considered an attempt at deception and thus academic misconduct. Such misconduct may, even if it is only proven in the future, be sanctioned under the applicable Study and Examination Regulations (§ 26 for Bachelor's programmes and § 24 for Master's programmes). In addition to the failed examination, sanctions may have far-reaching consequences up to and including the invalidation of the Bachelor's / Master's examination.

As the use of AI tools does not guarantee the quality of content and texts or other forms of presentation such as programming code, you bear full responsibility for adopting any output from the AI tools you use. In addition to the question of correctness, this also includes the problem of (unintentional) adoption of large quantities of third-party, non-cited text. For the assessment of an academic paper, subject-matter understanding, your own methodological work, critical review and the ability to explain content and results independently are central.

Furthermore, careful handling of personal data and confidential data, in particular data relating to companies, must be ensured. Such data may not be entered into external AI tools without prior approval.

Statutory declaration

Theses must include a statutory declaration. In accordance with the Study and Examination Regulations (§ 12 paragraph 5 for Bachelor's programmes and § 10 paragraph 7 for Master's programmes), this declaration must be signed and inserted into the thesis:

Name, first name:

I hereby declare that I have written this thesis independently and have not used any sources or aids other than those indicated, and that this thesis has not been submitted, either in the same or a similar form, to any other examination authority. All passages that are quoted verbatim or reproduced in essence have been identified as such.

Additional note: *In the annex "Documentation of the use of AI tools", I have set out which AI tools I used, for what purpose I used them and how their use took place.*

Place, date

Signature with first and family name

Annex: Documentation of the use of AI tools (example)

In my thesis I used AI tools as described below:

Purpose of use	AI tool used	Mode or place of use
<i>Gathering the ideas and structuring of the thesis</i>	<i>AskAlma</i>	<i>Support in formulating the title, creating the table of contents and chapter structure</i>
<i>Supporting literature search</i>	<i>Elicit</i>	<i>Identification of relevant scholarly sources for the bibliography</i>
<i>Generation of continuous text</i>	<i>ChatGPT-5.5</i>	<i>Formulation of continuous text based on my own bullet points in all chapters</i>
<i>Generation of Python code and debugging</i>	<i>Claude Code</i>	<i>Support in creating, adapting and troubleshooting the Python code throughout the application</i>
<i>Translation</i>	<i>DeepL</i>	<i>Translation of selected text passages of the entire thesis into English</i>
<i>Generation of images for illustration</i>	<i>Midjourney</i>	<i>Creation of all figures that are marked as AI-generated</i>
<i>Collection and comparison of sources</i>	<i>NotebookLM</i>	<i>Structuring, comparison and thematic classification of sources for the bibliography</i>
<i>Revision of wording and writing style</i>	<i>DeepL Write</i>	<i>Suggestions for alternative formulations and stylistic revision throughout the thesis</i>