



Annex No. 4 – Rector's Ordinance R 640

Unacceptable use of AI at USB

The following uses of AI tools are unacceptable at USB. These constitute unethical conduct which could lead to the initiation of disciplinary proceedings or the declaration of the invalidity of a thesis defence, or they constitute risky conduct which may lead to the compromise of sensitive data, personal data, or internal USB data. Some prohibited uses of AI are also described in Annexe 3 to Rector's Ordinance R 640.

Prohibited or unethical use	Reason/Sanction
Generation of key and derived parts of the thesis	It is prohibited to generate key parts of the paper and (certain) derived parts of the paper that arise from the main text, such as the thesis statement, research findings, abstract, summary, keywords, conclusions, interpretation of results, discussion or limitations of the research. Such parts should always be the result of the student's creative process .
Citing hallucinations	It is prohibited to reproduce citations and references to information sources generated by AI without verifying them, as AI often 'invents' (hallucinates) sources. The author is fully responsible for the accuracy of (not only) the references, as evidenced by their declaration.
Uncritical adoption of text	AI outputs are always merely source material. The author must not use AI outputs without verifying their accuracy and relevance . Information from AI may be incorrect, incomplete, misleading, contradictory or even discriminatory. The author is fully responsible for the accuracy of the outputs used, as evidenced by their declaration.
Non-transparent conduct	Passing off another person's work as one's own (including translations from a foreign language) or attempting to mislead evaluators (by claiming authorship of text generated by AI) is regarded as deliberate unethical conduct, equivalent to plagiarism, with all the corresponding consequences .
Cybersecurity	For work involving sensitive data, personal data or USB internal data, only Microsoft 365 Copilot may be used, and only via a University account. Other AI tools are prohibited for such work . Providing certain information



	to AI, such as University intellectual property or personal data without a valid legal reason, is strictly prohibited . It is also prohibited to use the same passwords for AI tools as for USB systems.
Deepfake outputs	The use of AI to create deepfake outputs (modification of identity, voice, face) for the purpose of discrediting another person or misleading another person (for example, when taking exams online) is prohibited and considered a disciplinary offence .
Submitting work without understanding	If, during the defence of a paper, it is found that a student has included text in their work which they do not understand, cannot explain, or do not know how they arrived at the conclusions, they risk disciplinary action .