APPENDIX B: AI Tools: Citation of Use at Drexel University

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If AI use is permitted in your class, it is important that you distinguish your original work from work generated by AI or created collaboratively with AI. You should cite to the AI Tool that you used whenever your instructor requires citation or when are using content entirely or partially created by AI at any stage during the assignment creation process from idea generation to final assignment turned in for a grade. This includes content that you have substantively edited or paraphrased.

The American Psychological Association, Chicago Manual of Style, and the Modern Language Association have all responded to the use of AI tools by providing citation rules and examples. While all of these provided blog posts use ChatGPT as an example, the format provided will work with all available AI tools. Below is an example from each style manual. Further examples, including both long and short prompts, are available at this library guide. Please note that, while this was not true at the time the blog posts above were written, ChatGPT and many other AI tools do now offer a method to share your session transcripts with your instructor.

American Psychological Association (APA):

The APA does not include the prompt in its citation format because it recommends that the prompt and response either be included in the text itself, the methods section of the paper, or in an appendix.

Author (usually the AI Tool creator). (Year). AI Tool Name (Version) [Type of AI Tool]. Source/URL.

OpenAI, (2023). DALL-E (Version 2) [Image Creation]. https://labs.openai.com/s/kfFtTxaEp59wKHA9nVcA9Z15

In-text: When given the prompt "A dinner with three female friends in a science fiction landscape in the style of Salvatore Dali," DALL-E generated an image with four females having dinner at a table (OpenAI, 2023).

Chicago Manual of Style:

Author, Prompt, Date Text Generated, AI Tool Creator, URL (optional).

ChatGPT, response to "Can you remove the redundant HTML code from this documents and change all instances of beta.regulations.gov to www.regulations.gov, please?", July 28, 2023, OpenAI, http://chat.openai.com/.

Modern Language Association:

"Descriptive Title (typically the prompt)" prompt, Name of AI Tool, Version, AI Tool Creator, Date, Location.

"Write a joke about a lawyer, a professor, and an undergraduate" prompt using personality stand-up comedian, Chatsonic, 31 July 2023 Version, Writesonic, 31 July 2023, https://app.writesonic.com/.

Unless your instructor requires a different method, you should also include a transcript of your interaction with the AI tool as an additional attachment or appendix when you submit your assignment. Depending on the discipline and assignment, it may also be appropriate to include specific information on your prompts and results in the methods section of your assignment.