FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

Things to check out this month!

September 2025

Upcoming Events

9/29 @ 11AM
AI in Higher Education
Zoom Invite to follow in Email!

10/14 @ 12:30PM
IA (Intelligent Agents) In D2L
Zoom invite to follow in Email!

The next two months, we are focusing on the ongoing conversation around AI in our courses, but also tools that can help us as instructors be efficient and promote structure and presence in the on-line and in person classroom.

To the right, I have linked three resources that engage this topic and will hopefully help open the door to further discussion!

Assess Without the Stress: Episode 49: AI Series Part I, The Elephant in the Classroom

Intelligent Agents in D2L

Teaching with AI A Practical Guide to a New Era of Human Learning

A Note from the Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) A reprint and update form 10/2023

As we embrace Artificial Intelligence (AI) in college classes, one of the critical concerns we face is the potential for cheating through the misuse of AI-powered tools. In this newsletter entry, we will delve into strategies for minimizing cheating and academic dishonesty when incorporating AI into your courses.

The integration of AI can inadvertently create new opportunities for academic dishonesty. Students may attempt to exploit AI tools to gain an unfair advantage, such as using AI-generated content or relying on unauthorized assistance during assessments.
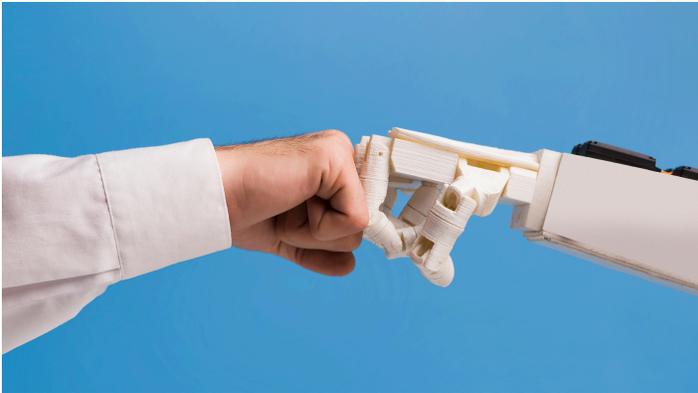
Strategies to Mitigate Cheating with AI:

1. Set Clear Expectations: Communicate explicit guidelines and expectations regarding the use of AI tools in your courses. Emphasize the importance of academic honesty and the consequences of cheating. Be specific about which AI tools are allowed and under what circumstances.
2. Design Authentic Assessments: Create assessments that are difficult to cheat on, such as open-ended questions, essays, or project-based assignments that require critical thinking and personal input. Avoid relying solely on multiple-choice questions that AI can easily assist with.
3. Randomize Assessments: Use AI-powered test platforms that can randomize questions and answer choices, reducing the effectiveness of cheating through collaboration or AI assistance.
4. Monitor Student Behavior: Implement monitoring software or platforms that can detect unusual patterns of behavior during online exams. These tools can flag activities like excessive copying and pasting, frequent tab-switching, or screen-sharing.
5. Educate Students: Provide students with resources and training on the responsible use of AI tools. Teach them about the importance of academic integrity and how to navigate AI-enhanced learning environments ethically.
6. Use Proctoring Solutions (WITH CAUTION): Explore AI-based proctoring solutions that can monitor students during online exams. These tools can detect cheating behaviors like looking at unauthorized materials or leaving the exam environment. They are not very good at detecting AI created student work, something that we will discuss in the session this month.
7. Promote Collaboration: Encourage collaboration among students when it's appropriate and aligns with your educational goals. By fostering a culture of teamwork and shared learning, you can reduce the temptation to cheat.
8. Regularly Update Assessments: Keep your assessments fresh and relevant by updating them regularly. This can discourage students from sharing past assessments or relying on AI-generated content.
9. Leverage AI for Plagiarism Detection: Utilize AI-powered plagiarism detection tools to identify copied or improperly cited content in student submissions.
10. Stay Informed: Remain current on AI advancements in cheating detection and prevention. AI technologies are continually evolving, and staying informed is essential to adapt to emerging challenges.

Minimizing cheating in the age of AI requires a proactive and multifaceted approach. While AI can enhance the learning experience, it is our responsibility to ensure that its integration maintains the integrity of academic standards. By implementing these strategies and fostering a culture of academic honesty, we can strike a balance between leveraging AI's benefits and upholding the values of education.

I look forward to our recorded session on the 29th!

Have a Great Month and hope to see you soon!

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Network for Education Development (NED) Events

MinState's NED programing is FREE to you! Take a look at the sessions and courses and see if something fits into your schedule and professional development interest!

NED Calendar

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