

# Use AI without outsourcing your learning.

The RAFT Framework for Ethical AI Use

## THE ONE QUESTION

**Am I using AI to enhance my learning - or to bypass it?**

## Work through RAFT

**R**

### Research Independently First

Gather credible sources. Write down what you know, what you think, and what remains unclear before AI enters the process.

**A**

### Augment Your Work

Ask AI for questions, gaps, counterarguments, feedback, or search directions. Ask for possibilities - not a finished submission.

**F**

### Fact-Check Everything

Find the original trustworthy source. Confirm the exact claim, quotation, date, calculation, and context. Remove what you cannot verify.

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### Transform Into Your Own Work

Close the AI output and build the final product from verified notes, course knowledge, your reasoning, and your voice.

## Before you begin

- What am I expected to learn or demonstrate?
- What AI use is allowed for this assignment?
- What have I already tried on my own?

## Better ways to ask

**Questions:** "Here is what I understand. Ask me questions that reveal gaps. Do not give me the answer yet."

**Research:** "Identify two counterarguments and suggest search terms I can use to research each one."

**Feedback:** "Point out weak reasoning in this draft, but do not rewrite it."

## The 60-second final check

**Learning:** I did the thinking this task was designed to assess.

**Evidence:** I verified every claim and source.

**Voice:** The work reflects what I understand.

**Transparency:** I followed the required AI-use rules.

**Defense:** I can explain the work without the AI tool open.

**Important boundary:** Course, assignment, and institutional policies always take priority. If expectations are unclear, ask before using AI.