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GENERATIVE AI DOCUMENTATION IN CHICAGO STYLE

Documenting Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) safeguards academic integrity, preventing the occurrence of plagiarism or misattribution. Documentation discloses AI usage and how a writer utilized AI for an assignment, paper, or project. This transparency strengthens an author's credibility and trustworthiness since it discloses to the reader how AI helped shaped their work.

Regarding Chicago style, it possesses two distinct citation systems: Notes and Bibliography (utilizes footnotes or endnotes, not parenthetical citations) and Author–Date (utilizes parenthetical citations, in this case, author–date). However, the 18th edition of THE Chicago Manual of Style addresses only notes and bibliography. Below is a brief explanation of how GenAI disclosure should appear in two different kinds of in-text citations along with examples of how it should appear on a Bibliography page.

Cited in the Text

A citation in the text uses a superscript number at the end of the sentence. See the example below.

The following recipe for pizza dough was generated on December 9, 2023, by ChatGPT-3.5.¹

Cited in a Note

Writers place note citations at the bottom, or footer, of the same page where they cite the source in the text. See the example below.

1. Text generated by ChatGPT-3.5, OpenAI, December 9, 2023, <https://chat.openai.com/share/90b8137d-ff1c-4c0c-b123-2868623c4ae2>.

[A prompt, if not included in the text, may be added to the note (see the example below).]

1. Response to “Explain how to make pizza dough from common household ingredients,” ChatGPT-3.5, OpenAI, December 9, 2023, edited for style and accuracy.

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References

University of Chicago Press. (2024). *Citing AI-generated content* (14.112). In *The Chicago Manual of Style* (18th ed., pp. 906–907).