

Examination Declaration for the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools

STUDENT INFORMATION

Title, initials and surname	
Student number	
Degree programme	
Department	
Title of thesis / dissertation	
Supervisor	
Co-supervisor(s) <i>[if applicable]</i>	

Declaration

- ☐ I have discussed the use (or non-use) of GenAI tools with my supervisor, and we have agreed on appropriate boundaries.
- ☐ I have verified and take responsibility for all information, arguments, data, and conclusions in this thesis/dissertation. I am accountable for the integrity of the work.
- ☐ I confirm that AI tools were not used in ways that breach SU's plagiarism, confidentiality, or research integrity policies.
- ☐ No data were generated by GenAI unless this was a deliberate and declared part of the research methodology.
- ☐ **[PhD students]** I am willing to be questioned in the oral examination on the scope, purpose, and verification of any GenAI use in this work.

Optional:

- ☐ I have included a reflective paragraph in my submission explaining the role (if any) of GenAI in my research process.

Student signature

Date

Institutional Acknowledgement

This declaration aligns with Stellenbosch University's [Position Statement on the ethical use of AI in Research and Teaching-Learning-Assessment](#), the [Draft interim SU guidelines on allowable AI use and academic integrity in assessment](#), and draws on international best practices.

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