Guidelines for using artificial intelligence in the Degree Programme in Biology

The Degree Programme in Biology follows the University of Oulu's guidelines for the use of artificial intelligence in education. In addition, the following guidelines are applied in the Degree Programme in Biology:

- The student writes a Contribution at the end of their thesis. This applies to both B.Sc. and M.Sc. theses. In the Contribution, the student describes the use of generative AI and AI-assisted technologies in writing their thesis. If generative AI or AI-assisted technologies were not used, the student declares this in the Contribution. The Contribution should be formatted as follows:

  In planning and writing this thesis I used [name of the generative AI or AI-assisted technology] to [description of the purpose]. I have checked and edited the content as needed and take full responsibility for it.

  Or alternatively:

  I have not used generative AI or AI-assisted technology in the planning and writing of my thesis. I take full responsibility for the content of my thesis.

- The student provides references including Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) for all the sources used in their written work. If the source does not have a DOI, provide a URL link to the article. If the source has neither DOI nor URL, send the article pdf to your supervisor or teacher. If no pdf is available, let your supervisor know about this. In this case, the supervisor is responsible for checking that the cited article exists and that the cited content is accurate.

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