

# How to do the for further thought essays

## AI Guidance

**GREEN LIGHT:** Permission is given to use generative AI for purposes of brainstorming ideas. For example, you could interact with ChatGPT to refine your ideas before starting the writing process.

**GREEN LIGHT:** Permission is given to use assistive AI (example: Grammarly) to improve sentences and writing mechanics.

**YELLOW LIGHT:** Permission is given to use generative AI for making short summaries of key points. AI results must be cautiously used. All AI-generated summaries must be carefully fact checked to guard against possible AI hallucination errors. You will need to learn course content from the lectures and textbook to have sufficient expertise to adequately fact check the AI output. AI-driven inaccurate representations of information is a potential academic integrity problem.

**YELLOW LIGHT:** All AI use, whether generative AI or assistive AI, must be reported in a declarations statement. This is a public statement of the role that AI played in your work methods. This statement must disclose how AI was used, the degree of estimated use, and the technology that was used. View the declaration as being like documentation of citations and references. The aim is transparent use of AI for our audience. Be mindful that using AI yet stating AI was not used is an academic integrity falsehood: a dishonest representation of authorship.

**RED LIGHT:** Do NOT use AI to write your opinions for you. These are personal statements that must be 100% authentic human. The overall point of a college education is intellectual growth. Your thoughts on complex matters are what matters most. Student effort is essential in this matter to achieve a worthwhile learning experience. Always aim to reflect upon what you are learning, whether or not AI is used.

**RED LIGHT:** Do NOT use AI to format reference information. AI is too imprecise at this task, making it a poor choice for this purpose. Take it upon yourself to carefully document the information needed to find your sources. References that have consistently faulty information will be viewed as an academic integrity violation due to misrepresentation of sources.