

QMUSU GUIDANCE ON AI TOOLS IN ASSESSMENTS

With deadlines coming up, we know lots of students are using tools to help with spelling, grammar, and writing. The Uni recommends using Grammarly over other tools, but even that has its caveats.

If you use an AI tool when it is not allowed (or even if it is allowed but you don't declare it) the University sees that as plagiarism which is classed as a serious academic offence. It's the same as buying an essay or copying someone else's work.

Here's a quick breakdown of what is and isn't okay when it comes to using Grammarly in your work according to QMU Guidelines and how to declare it in your work:

GRAMMARLY FOR SPELL CHECK AND GRAMMAR

The University recommends Grammarly for basic spelling and grammar checks. You can use it across any assessment without needing to cite it, just like Word spellcheck. It's a great tool for tidying up your writing and helps catch mistakes before you submit!

GRAMMARLY WRITING ASSISTANT

Grammarly also has an "AI writing assistant" feature, **this is not the same as the grammar check.**

You will see this as a separate column on the right on the Grammarly page.

GENERATIVE AI WRITING ASSISTANT

Before you use this tool, you must check your assessment brief. QMU uses a five-point scale that details whether you are allowed to use AI or not. Some assessments do not allow any AI use, and you must not use the Generative Writing Assistant for this assessment, but you can use grammar and spell check as above.

If you are allowed to use the Generative AI Writing Assistant, your assessment brief will explain in what ways you are allowed to use it, such as planning only or full use. **It is important to check what the limits are before you use AI.**

If you use this Generative AI Writing Assistant you must also declare it in your work stating what you used it for:

For example, "In this assessment, I used Grammarly Generative AI Writing Assistant to support me in planning my essay"

If in doubt, ask your module leader or the Effective Learning Service.



REMEMBER!

USING AI TOOLS WITHOUT PERMISSION = PLAGIARISM