# Academic Integrity in the Age of AI | For Instructors

This guide is designed to provide CSULB instructors with best practices in preparing students for assignments that involve AI writing tools and to effectively use Turnitin's AI writing detection capabilities. To enable TurnItIn in your course(s), please visit our support website.

## Essential Best Practices for Instructors

1. **Stay Updated on AI Writing Tools**
   - Keep abreast of the latest advancements in AI writing tools and their impact on teaching and learning.

2. **Review your course policy**
   - Gather feedback from stakeholders on academic integrity and AI writing tools to help develop your course policy.
   - Include a policy on the use and/or misuse of generative AI in your syllabus.
   - For each assignment that will be checked by Turnitin AI, indicate in the assignment description that it will be monitored by the Turnitin AI detector.
   - Consider participating in discussions within the TurnItIn community to exchange insights, share best practices, and enhance usage through collaborative forums.

3. **Adopt Best Practices for Assignment Integrity**
   - Design writing assignments that align with educational objectives.
   - Apply the AI misuse checklist and rubric prior to assigning tasks to students.

4. **Explore Turnitin's AI Writing Indicator**
   - Get acquainted with Turnitin's AI writing detection features by:
     - Participating in training sessions
     - Reviewing how-to guides and FAQs
     - Watching instructional videos

5. **Engage Students in Discussions about AI Detection**
   - Talk with your students about Turnitin's AI detection capabilities and how they will affect their assignments.
   - Share relevant information with parents when appropriate.

6. **Offer Resources for Student Preparation**
   - Consider creating and providing a checklist to help students use AI writing tools responsibly and reduce instances of AI misuse.

7. **Review Written Text -** Identify common AI-generated text patterns

   - **Direct and Structured:** AI essays tend to get straight to the point without the gradual buildup often seen in human writing.
   - **Formulaic Transitions:** Paragraphs often begin with formulaic transitional phrases, making the flow seem somewhat mechanical.

   - **Consistency and Repetition:** AI-generated content can exhibit unnaturally consistent patterns and may repeat certain phrases or structures.

   - **Lack of Nuanced Awareness:** AI essays might lack the nuanced awareness and depth of understanding that human writers bring, especially in complex or subjective topics.

   - **Formal Language:** The language used can be overly formal and may not capture the informal or conversational tone that a human writer might use.