

# YSU AI Principles Statement

Youngstown State University (YSU) is committed to “inspiring individuals, enhancing futures, and enriching lives”. Our principles form the foundation of our approach to integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) into our policies and practices and are crafted in alignment with YSU's mission to provide “innovative lifelong learning opportunities and foster community engagement”. Our principles are organized into five key areas:

- **Human centered:** We prioritize human control and emphasize helping the community understand potential issues surrounding bias, reliability, and other challenges associated with AI tools. This principle underlines the importance of keeping human judgment and ethics at the forefront of AI integration.
- **Ethical Use and Academic Integrity:** We prioritize the ethical use of AI, ensuring it enriches educational endeavors while upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and intellectual property. We encourage the responsible application of AI as a tool for innovative teaching, learning, and scholarship.
- **Lifelong Learning and AI Literacy:** Reflecting our dedication to lifelong learning, we promote AI literacy, equipping faculty, staff, and students with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively navigate the evolving landscape of AI technologies.
- **Privacy Protection, Safety, and Inclusivity:** In our pursuit to create an inclusive and respectful learning environment, we prioritize the protection of university members' privacy. We strive to ensure that AI use respects individual privacy and promotes an equitable and accessible educational experience for all students.
- **Open Dialogue and Academic Freedom:** We support open dialogue about AI and uphold academic freedom in its integration; fostering a culture of transparency, collaboration, and innovation, enabling faculty, staff, and students to explore AI applications while engaging with the broader community.

Through these principles, YSU aims to align the transformative potential of AI with our mission to inspire, enhance, and enrich the educational journey of our students, while also contributing to the sustainable prosperity of the region and beyond.