

CS336 AI Policy Spring 2025-2026

AI is able to solve many parts of the assignments fully autonomously. This makes it harder to deeply engage with and learn from the course material. All your code should be handcrafted by you directly.

The use of AI tools is permitted for answering high-level conceptual questions or for providing low-level programming documentation like function signatures and library APIs. However, AI tools are not permitted for implementing any part of any assignment. This includes both coding agents (e.g., Cursor Agents, Codex, Claude Code) and AI autocomplete (e.g., Cursor Tab, GitHub Copilot).

Concretely, students are expected to do the following:

- Each assignment repository will include an AGENTS.md file (inspired by [this file](#)), which contains a pedagogical prompt. Coding agents acting on the repository will automatically read and follow the instructions in this file. This file should not be modified in any way.
- When using online chat interfaces, the contents of the AGENTS.md file should be pasted into the beginning of each conversation.
- In conjunction with the AGENTS.md file, it is okay to ask LLMs or coding agents to answer high-level conceptual questions or to pull up library APIs. It is not okay to ask LLMs or coding agents to write any code.
- AI autocomplete should be disabled in your IDE (non-AI autocomplete, e.g., autocompleting function names, is permitted).
- This policy applies to both the assignments and the leaderboards. All experiments you run should be written by you.

One rule of thumb is to ask yourself whether a CA would comply with your request in office hours. If not, then the request is likely not allowed under the AI policy. For specific cases, please also reference the AGENTS.md file, which contains more detailed descriptions of what is and is not allowed. If you are still unsure about whether a specific use case is permitted, please contact the teaching staff.

Failing to comply with the AI policy will be seen as a violation of the [Stanford Honor Code](#).