URI CYPHER AI Marking System Guide

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A0	Human Authored	Content created entirely by a human author.
A1	AI-Edited	AI tools were used for grammar, clarity, and formatting.
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Ax	Composite / Mixed Levels	The document has varying levels of AI usage throughout. Used as a catch-all label.

What it is

- **Shared language** (A0 – A5) for consistent AI usage discussion and disclosure, reducing guesswork and misinterpretation.
- **Learning tool** to build AI literacy: what AI is, what it can and can't do, and when to use it (or not).
- **Reader-facing cue** that signals how AI was used in the creation of the work product.
- **Community trust** building by shifting from detection and speculation to self-disclosure
- **Transparency tool** aligned with URI's guiding principle of clearly disclosing AI use

What it is not

- × **Not a policy** or requirement
- × **Not a restriction** on how AI tools are used
- × **Not a ranking**, as all levels can yield good or poor work
- × **Not a detection or surveillance tool**

Important reminder: **AI-use level ≠ human effort level ≠ quality and reliability.**

Example 1: Email Signature

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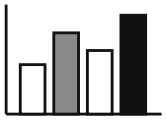
Example 2: ISE 572 Final Project

Ideation	**A2**
Data Decisions	**A0**
Coding	**A3**
Debugging	**A3**
Interpretation	**A0**
Writing	**A4**

Example 3: Slideshow / Presentation

Example Slide

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Text **(A0)**, Visuals **(A4)**

AI marking for this guide: **A3.**

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