

## Appendix: Declaration of Academic Integrity Template<sup>14</sup>

### *How to use the Template*

This declaration of academic integrity serves as a model, must be adapted to the respective subject context and can be integrated into existing declarations of academic integrity.

The faculty, the department or the individual lecturers decide in advance which option (option 1 or option 2) is to be selected for the respective coursework and exams, because it must be made clear to students in a uniform and transparent manner, particularly before the start of an exam, which approved aids may be used to complete the specific exam, therein enabling it to be considered the student's autonomous work.<sup>15</sup> Accordingly, only one option is listed in the respective declaration of autonomy; the other option is omitted.

*If option 2 is selected, this must also be adapted to the respective subject. Italicized and underlined text passages in the template show the possible options.*

### *Declaration of Academic Integrity*

1. I hereby declare that I have written this work myself and have not used any sources or resources other than those stated. I have identified texts, ideas, concepts, graphics, etc. taken directly or indirectly from external sources as such and have provided complete references to the respective sources.
2. Use of generative AI:

**Option 1: Use of generative AI not permitted**

I confirm that I have written this thesis completely autonomously, i.e. that I have not used any generative AI tools.

**Option 2: Labeling obligation if use of generative AI permitted**

I am aware that the use of texts or content created by means of generative AI does not guarantee their quality and that I am responsible if the use of such tools results in incorrect content, violations of data protection law, copyright law or academic misconduct (e.g. plagiarism).

I also confirm that:

- I have used generative AI tools as an aid only and that my creative influence predominates in the present work,

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<sup>14</sup> This template is based on the draft declaration of autonomy produced by the Hochschule RheinMain, University of Applied Sciences, and may be found at [https://www.hs-rm.de/fileadmin/Home/Services/Did-aktik\\_und\\_Digitale\\_Lehre/Eigenstaendigkeitserklaerung\\_HSRM\\_6\\_23.pdf](https://www.hs-rm.de/fileadmin/Home/Services/Did-aktik_und_Digitale_Lehre/Eigenstaendigkeitserklaerung_HSRM_6_23.pdf) (updated December 2023).

<sup>15</sup> It is initially irrelevant whether the use of generative AI tools is actually verifiable. Instead, the first step here is a binding determination by the examiners/faculty/department as to whether and, if so, to what extent, which AI tools may be used. Only in a second step - if there is suspicion of the use of non-approved (additional) tools - should the question of the verifiability of the use of additional (non-approved) tools and thus the lack of autonomy be addressed. If a lack of autonomy is proven, the cheating must be punished by the relevant consequences (cf. the current version of the respective study and exam regulations). With option 1, it is then irrelevant which aids are used, because strictly no aids may be used. This must be clearly communicated to the students.

- that I have indicated which generative AI tools I have used, for what purpose and to what extent [citation proposal, prompts used (and results) if applicable]. [Students must be informed a) how AI tools are to be cited (citation rules), b) how and to what extent the use of AI tools is to be additionally documented: For example, it is possible to include a table in the appendix in which the tools used, the type and manner of use (form of use, e.g. translation, text generation, creation of graphics) or the prompts used as well as the sections of the work concerned are documented in a comprehensible and transparent manner. In addition, a written reflection on the use of AI tools could also be required.]

**Make a selection here:**

- that I have not used the following resources, the use of which was explicitly prohibited by the examiner(s) or the examinations office.  
*[List of tools/resources prohibited (by examinations office/examiners)]*
  - that I have used only the following tools/resources and have used them in their permitted functions only; such use was explicitly permitted by the examiner(s) or the examinations office. *[List of possible tools, resources / type and manner of permitted use to be ticked by examinations office/examiners]*
3. This work has not been submitted in the same or a similar form to any other examination authority in Germany or abroad.
  4. I am aware that a violation of the above points may have consequences under exam law and, in particular, may result in the assessed work being graded as "fail" or the coursework being graded as "failed" and, in the event of multiple or serious attempts at cheating, may result in termination of my enrollment or the initiation of proceedings for the withdrawal of any academic title awarded.