

Dear student of the University of Turku,

The use of artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly increasing at the University. What is your opinion on this? We invite you to share your views by participating in the Student Compass, a study examining the role of AI in higher education. The study is open to degree students at the bachelor and master levels at the University of Turku.

In the Student Compass, you will have the opportunity to discuss and reflect on the use of AI in learning and teaching together with fellow students. The results will be used in democracy research and in the development of the University's AI guidelines. The study is conducted by political science researchers at the University of Turku as part of the [ADDI research project](#) funded by the European Research Council.

Why the Student Compass?

AI is rapidly becoming an essential part of studying, teaching, and future working life. While AI regulation is often driven by experts, it is crucial that those most affected should also take part in developing the AI guidelines. The Student Compass provides the University with valuable student insights regarding, for example, acceptable uses of AI, learning, and the diverse backgrounds when it comes to AI use.

What is the Student Compass?

The Student Compass is a discussion based on the principles of deliberative democracy, in which a diverse group of students receive background information on a topic, deliberate in moderated small groups, and formulate opinions and recommendations together.

No previous knowledge of AI is required, and it does not matter whether you have a positive or critical attitude towards AI development. Different perspectives are encouraged. The most important thing is your willingness to listen to others, share your experiences, and take part in constructive discussion. The discussion will be facilitated by a trained moderator.

How to participate in the Student Compass?

Please register by completing this short survey no later than 15 March 2026!

To participate, you are expected to attend a two-hour small group discussion on Zoom and complete research surveys. The group discussions will take place between 7 and 16 April 2026. Discussions will be held in Finnish and English. **All participants will receive compensation of 80 euros**, for which a valid Finnish tax card is required. To receive the compensation, you must attend the small group discussion and complete all research surveys.

To join the online discussion, you will need an internet connection and a computer with a camera and microphone. Technical support will be available throughout the session.

Approximately 400 students will be selected from the registrants, ensuring that all faculties are represented.

To participate, you must be a degree student at the University of Turku and have a valid utu email address. You will be notified about the selection and the exact time of your group discussion in March.

All research materials will be processed confidentially. For more information about participating in the study and the processing of personal data, [visit the research group's website](#) (*scroll down* → *Student Compass*).

[Read the participant information notice](#)

[Read the privacy notice for the study](#)

If you have questions, please contact Project Researcher Katariina Kulha, kasuku@utu.fi, 050-3561623 (available on weekdays from 10–16).

By participating, you will contribute to cutting-edge European research and have the chance to impact the development of the University's AI recommendations!

We look forward to your participation!

With best regards,

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