

THE IMPACT OF CHATGPT AND OTHER AI TOOLS ON EDUCATION

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Abstract. This study investigates the growing influence of ChatGPT and similar artificial intelligence (AI) tools in the educational sector. With the increasing integration of AI in classrooms, online learning platforms, and academic research, this paper evaluates both the benefits and potential challenges associated with these technologies. Findings suggest that while AI enhances personalization, feedback, and access to knowledge, it also raises concerns regarding academic integrity and overreliance.

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Introduction. Artificial intelligence (AI) tools, especially generative models like ChatGPT, are increasingly influencing education worldwide. These technologies assist students in writing, researching, and solving academic problems, transforming traditional learning methods. A 2025 report by *The Guardian* highlighted that 92% of university students in the UK have used AI tools like ChatGPT in their academic work, a sharp increase from 66% the previous year (The Guardian, 2025). This widespread adoption signals a major shift in educational practices and student behavior. While AI tools offer benefits such as personalized learning support and improved efficiency, they also raise concerns among educators. There is growing worry about plagiarism and the potential decline in students' critical thinking skills when overrelying on AI-generated content. As a result, universities are urged to revise and "stress-test" their assessment methods to ensure academic integrity in this new environment. Given these developments, it is essential



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to understand the impact of ChatGPT and similar AI tools on both students and educators. This study seeks to explore how these technologies affect learning experiences, teaching strategies, and academic standards in contemporary education.[1]

This study utilized a quantitative research design to investigate the extent and nature of ChatGPT and other AI tool usage among university students and educators. The primary data collection method was an online survey, which was chosen due to its efficiency in gathering responses from a geographically diverse sample. Participants were recruited from [Your University Name], representing various faculties including humanities, sciences, and engineering. A total of 60 participants took part in the study, consisting of 50 undergraduate students and 10 academic staff members. Convenience sampling was employed to select participants who were readily available and willing to engage in the survey. Although this sampling method limits generalizability, it allowed for rapid data collection and initial insights into AI usage patterns. The survey was distributed via university mailing lists and social media platforms over a two-week period in March 2025. The questionnaire contained 20 questions, combining multiple-choice, Likert scale, and open-ended items. Key topics included frequency of AI tool use, types of tasks supported by these tools (e.g., essay writing, problem solving, language translation), and participants' attitudes toward the advantages and challenges of AI integration in education. Data analysis was conducted using descriptive statistics to summarize quantitative responses. Percentages and mean scores were calculated to illustrate usage rates and perceptions across participant groups.

The survey results indicate a widespread adoption of AI tools like ChatGPT among university students, with 90% reporting usage at least once per week. The most frequent application of these tools was essay writing, with 78% of students indicating they use AI assistance for drafting and editing essays. Problem-solving tasks, such as mathematics or logic exercises, were supported by 55% of respondents, while 40% used AI for language translation purposes. Among educators, the usage rates were notably lower, with only 30% reporting regular



incorporation of AI tools in their teaching methods. However, 45% of educators acknowledged having experimented with AI technology for creating instructional materials or providing feedback. Perceptions about AI tools varied between students and educators. Approximately 65% of students felt that AI tools enhanced their learning efficiency by saving time and providing clearer explanations. Conversely, 25% expressed concern that reliance on AI might negatively impact their critical thinking skills. Educators were more cautious, with 70% expressing worries regarding academic integrity, particularly plagiarism and unauthorized assistance. Nearly half of the educators believed that current assessment methods might not effectively detect AI-generated work, prompting calls for updated evaluation strategies. Qualitative responses revealed nuanced views on ethical considerations. Several participants mentioned the importance of using AI as a supportive aid rather than a substitute for personal effort. Both students and educators emphasized the need for guidelines to regulate AI usage in academic settings to maintain fairness and uphold educational standards.

The findings of this study demonstrate a significant presence of AI tools, such as ChatGPT, within the academic environment of university students and educators. This widespread adoption corresponds with recent trends showing a rapid integration of AI technologies in higher education.[2] Many students reported that these tools help them understand difficult topics better and improve their overall learning efficiency. AI's ability to offer personalized feedback and tailor content to individual needs is recognized as a major advantage, contributing to enhanced educational outcomes.[3] However, despite these benefits, the study also uncovered concerns regarding excessive reliance on AI. Some participants expressed fears that overdependence on such tools could negatively impact students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills. This aligns with existing research suggesting that while AI can serve as an effective learning aid, it may inadvertently discourage deep cognitive engagement if used without proper guidance. Moreover, raised important questions about the implications of AI use for academic integrity.[3] The potential for plagiarism and misuse of AI-generated content has sparked ongoing debates



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about how to adapt assessment methods and uphold ethical standards in education. This challenge is compounded by the current lack of standardized policies governing AI use in academic contexts. In addition to ethical and pedagogical concerns, the study identified methodological limitations. The relatively small sample size and the use of convenience sampling reduce the ability to generalize the findings broadly. Furthermore, the focus on a single institution limits the diversity of perspectives captured. Future research should aim to include larger and more varied populations, as well as investigate the long-term effects of AI tools on students' academic performance and learning habits. In light of these observations, it is clear that while AI technologies offer substantial opportunities to enhance education, their integration must be managed carefully

Conclusion. AI tools such as ChatGPT are rapidly changing the educational landscape by providing personalized learning experiences and simplifying complex topics for students. These technologies help learners engage with material in new ways, improving understanding and potentially raising academic performance. The integration of AI in education offers opportunities for more flexible, studentcentered teaching methods that can adapt to individual needs. However, despite these advantages, challenges remain. One major concern is the risk of students becoming overly dependent on AI, which may limit the development of critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Without proper guidance, learners might rely too heavily on AI-generated answers instead of actively engaging with content. Additionally, the ethical implications, including plagiarism and misuse of AI content, pose threats to academic integrity that institutions must address. To ensure the effective use of AI in education, schools and universities need to develop clear policies and provide training for both educators and students. This will help promote responsible use while maintaining educational quality. Overall, while AI holds great promise to enhance learning, it should be integrated thoughtfully to support—not replace—essential cognitive skills.

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