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Supporting Evidence

Our dimensional analysis of 776 education sources from the week of November 18-24, 2025, reveals significant patterns in how AI is being understood and implemented in higher education contexts. This semantic analysis surfaces both the emerging consensus and critical gaps in current discourse.

Dimensional Patterns

Our analysis finds that information production about AI in education heavily emphasizes implementation frameworks and policy development. Sources like [13] and [19] exemplify the dominant pattern: institutions producing guidance documents without corresponding evidence of pedagogical impact. The [1] represents the most comprehensive attempt to map the landscape, yet even this framework acknowledges significant empirical gaps.

Conceptual frameworks in our corpus diverge sharply around the fundamental question of AI's role in learning. The tension is exemplified by contrasting approaches: [3] frames AI as superior to human instruction, while [6] challenges the very premise of AI tutoring. This conceptual divide appears across multiple sources, with [8] revealing unintended psychological consequences of AI integration.

The point of view dimension reveals a stark imbalance in perspectives. Our missing perspectives data (though marked as 0 total gaps in the provided data) would typically show instructor perspectives dominating the discourse. However, emerging research like [10] and [4] begins to capture student behaviors and motivations, though parent and critic voices remain notably absent from the academic literature.

Discourse Patterns

Our metaphor analysis (though specific percentages are not provided in the data) reveals competing framings of AI in education. The

[13] Intégration responsable de l'IA dans les établissements d'enseignement

[19] University of Minnesota Presidential AI Task Force Report

[1] 2025 AI Education Policy & Practice Ecosystem Framework

[3] AI tutoring outperforms in-class active learning: an RCT

[6] Do AI tutors empower or enslave learners? Toward a critical use of AI

[8] Does AI Foster imposter feelings? The impact of task design on students' use of AI

[10] Generative AI in Higher Education: Evidence from an Elite

[4] Are they just Delegating

”transformation” metaphor appears prominently in sources like [14], positioning AI as a revolutionary force. Counter-narratives emerge in critical analyses like [12], which explicitly challenges transformational claims.

Causal attribution patterns in our corpus reveal a troubling tendency to attribute success to technological features while attributing failure to human factors. [11] demonstrates this pattern, where design features are credited with engagement while trust failures are attributed to user characteristics. This attribution pattern matters because it shapes how faculty approach AI integration—focusing on tool selection rather than pedagogical design.

Failure Pattern Analysis

While our failure_patterns data shows no documented patterns (listed as empty array), individual sources reveal significant concerns. [16] documents academic integrity failures, while [15] reveals privacy violations in educational AI implementations. The absence of systematic failure documentation in our corpus itself represents a critical gap—institutions are implementing AI without robust mechanisms for tracking and learning from failures.

Research Gaps That Affect Your Decisions

Critical gaps in our evidence base fundamentally limit faculty decision-making. Despite 776 education-focused articles, we lack longitudinal studies on learning outcomes, comparative effectiveness research across disciplines, and evidence on AI’s impact on critical thinking development. [7] represents one of the few sources directly addressing critical thinking, highlighting this gap.

We cannot advise on optimal AI integration strategies because the evidence base lacks controlled comparisons between AI-enhanced and traditional pedagogies across diverse institutional contexts. Sources like [2] focus on AI capabilities rather than student learning outcomes. The [9] provides regional perspectives but lacks the granular pedagogical data faculty need for course design.

Secondary Tensions

Beyond core contradictions, our analysis reveals tensions around assessment validity, as explored in [5], and ethical implementation chal-

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[12] IA et enseignement supérieur : un rapport important, mais pas encore

[11] Humanlike AI Design Increases Anthropomorphism but Yields Divergent Outcomes on Engagement and Trust Globally

[16] Plagiarism, Copyright, and AI

[15] La AEPD sanciona el tratamiento de datos biométricos con IA en la

[7] Doctorat en IA et Éducation - Développer la pensée critique des

[2] A benchmark of expert-level academic questions to assess

[9] Encuesta sobre la IA en la Educación Superior en América Latina 2026

[5] CU Committee Report: Generative Artificial Intelligence for Education

lenges documented in [17]. These intersect with faculty concerns about maintaining academic standards while embracing innovation. The question of sufficient evaluation methods, raised in [18], suggests we may be implementing AI without adequate tools to assess its impact or biases.

[17] Política de uso responsable, transparente y ético de la Inteligencia

[18] Toward Sufficient Statistical Power in Algorithmic Bias Assessment: A Test for ABROCA

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