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The Significance of Artificial Intelligence in University Education System and Course Syllabuses

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Abstract

This research paper meticulously examines the profound and dynamic impact of Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) on the University Education System, with a specific focus on the integration of A.I. within course syllabuses spanning disciplines such as chemistry, medicine, pharmacy (being the chief working areas of authors SA and ME), and various professional branches. The research delves into the transformative nature of A.I. in education, emphasizing the imperative need for its adaptation to enhance the learning experience and better equip students for the ever-evolving demands of their chosen professions. Through a meticulous analysis, this paper explores the multifaceted aspects of incorporating A.I. into university courses (MIT and Harvard are among the best universities in terms of Organic Chemistry courses), addressing challenges, seizing opportunities, and outlining essential considerations for a successful implementation strategy and yielding the result of A.I. need in the course content and syllabus preparation and guidance since the span of knowledge of A.I. compared to a university professor will be much more.

Keywords

Artificial Intelligence, A.I., University Course Syllabus, Academia, ChatGPT, Chemistry Curriculum, Pharmacy Curriculum, Medicine Curriculum

1. Introduction

The advent of Artificial Intelligence marks a pivotal moment in the history of education, catalyzing a paradigm shift in traditional pedagogical approaches. This section serves as a comprehensive introduction to the sweeping changes

A.I. has wrought upon educational paradigms and argues persuasively for its seamless integration into university course syllabuses across a spectrum of disciplines. Building upon the foundational insights provided in the introduction, this section delves deeper into the nuances and intricacies of A.I. integration in university course syllabuses. It examines case studies, discusses specific applications in fields such as medicine, engineering, and pharmacy, and provides a detailed analysis of how A.I. can enhance learning outcomes. To explain this phenomenon further, some sub-classifications need to be explained as in the following:

1.1. The Evolution of Educational Paradigms and Necessity for Educational Adaptation

As industries undergo rapid transformations and necessitate specialized skill sets, the academic sphere is compelled to adapt. This subsection delves into the imperative of incorporating A.I. into course syllabuses, emphasizing the need for universities to serve as incubators for future professionals equipped not only with domain-specific expertise but also a foundational understanding of A.I.'s cross-cutting applications. The integration of A.I. in education is posited not just as a response to technological evolution but as a strategic move to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and industry requirements. The traditional model of education, characterized by standardized teaching methodologies and one-size-fits-all curricula, has given way to a more dynamic and responsive approach. Advances in A.I. technologies, such as machine learning algorithms and natural language processing, have paved the way for personalized and adaptive learning experiences. Virtual classrooms, powered by intelligent tutoring systems and educational chatbots, have emerged as incubators of innovation, reshaping the very fabric of how students engage with educational content. There are new experiments on how to evolve such infrastructure and educational system from the perspectives of teachers, especially in China nowadays. These such efforts significantly contribute to the enhancement of teachers' resources and training within the framework of the new national curriculum for information science and technology in China. The A.I. knowledge structure serves as a systematic organizer for the teaching and learning resources. Notably, they have developed 14 online exemplary courses that necessitate no software installation, thereby ensuring accessibility. To further support educators, a series of A.I. teacher training programs have been implemented. The commitment involves the ongoing development, verification, and iteration of additional courses to reinforce our A.I. knowledge structure. Drawing on design experiences from other countries, as documented by UNESCO in 2022, this such experimentation of adaptation to A.I. in China has been dedicated to continuous improvement of the existing knowledge structure (RAISE, 2022; Wiggins & McTighe, 2012; Zainuddin et al., 2020; Zhang et al., 2020).

1.2. The Dynamic Interplay between Technology and Pedagogy

In this subsection, the intricate relationship between technology and pedagogy is explored. A.I., as a facilitator of transformative pedagogical approaches, brings forth the potential for adaptive learning environments, where individual student needs, learning styles, and paces are considered. The marriage of technology and pedagogy becomes a dynamic force, enhancing not only the efficiency of education delivery but also the effectiveness of knowledge retention and application. An in-depth analysis of diverse pedagogical approaches reveals the potential for A.I. to revolutionize the learning experience. Adaptive learning platforms powered by A.I. algorithms can cater to individual learning styles, pace, and preferences. Intelligent tutoring systems can provide real-time feedback, fostering a more interactive and engaging educational environment. Furthermore, the integration of A.I. can facilitate collaborative learning through virtual simulations and projects, preparing students for collaborative problem-solving in their professional careers starting from elementary years. To elevate the quality of teaching and learning resources, they have drawn inspiration from high-caliber references such as RAISE 2022 and Day of A.I. 2022, encouraging greater teacher involvement, they advocated for participation in design-based research to expedite the customization of A.I. courses. The objective was to train a minimum of 3,000 A.I.-related teachers until 2025. Concurrently, they aimed to design and develop additional high-quality A.I. resources tailored for K-12 schools in China. This multifaceted approach ensured a comprehensive and sustained effort towards advancing education in the realm of artificial intelligence (Song et al., 2022; Tondeur et al., 2020; Touretzky et al., 2019; UNESCO, 2022; Van Brummelen et al., 2021; Vartiainen et al., 2020).

1.3. Unveiling the Potential of A.I.-Driven Education

Building on the evolving educational landscape, this sub-section delves deeper into the promises held by A.I.-driven education. Beyond efficiency gains, A.I. has the potential to foster critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and interdisciplinary understanding. This section emphasizes the role of A.I. not only as a tool for knowledge delivery but as a catalyst for nurturing a generation of learners adept at navigating the complexities of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Due to the burgeoning interest in the utilization of A.I., there has been a discernible rise in studies investigating the incorporation of A.I. by educators in recent years. However, an evident gap in the literature is the insufficient exploration of A.I. within pre-service teacher education. Our synthesis of existing research underscores the need for more empirical studies focusing on pre-service teachers' engagement with A.I. This knowledge gap is crucial, as enhancing A.I. awareness and skills among pre-service teachers is deemed instrumental for the seamless integration of A.I.-based teaching methodologies in forthcoming educational landscapes. The findings highlight the transformative potential of teachers' and students' utilization of emerging technologies in shaping 21st-century educational practices. Further scrutinizing our review, another notable void emerges concerning the underutilization of diverse methods and data channels in A.I.-based educational systems. The prevailing trend leans towards A.I. applications that predominantly rely on self-reported and observational data. However, this limited approach overlooks the untapped potential of multimodal data in comprehending the intricacies of teaching and learning processes. Enriching A.I. systems with diverse data types, including physiological data, can furnish a more nuanced understanding of cognitive and emotional states during instruction. Therefore, an imperative exists to advance the capabilities of A.I. systems by incorporating multimodal data to enhance efficiency and effectiveness. Additionally, our review sheds light on the marginal involvement of teachers in the development of A.I.-based educational systems. While some studies engage experienced teachers in training A.I. algorithms, broader participation of educators in decision-making processes is warranted. This involvement should extend beyond algorithm training to encompass crucial decisions on A.I. system development, ensuring alignment with teaching objectives. Collaborative efforts between A.I. developers, software companies, and educators are pivotal for achieving more inclusive and beneficial A.I. systems in education. Examining the impact of A.I. on teachers' instruction, the study identifies several advantages, including streamlined planning, implementation, and assessment processes. A.I. facilitates personalized learning by identifying students' needs, enables real-time monitoring during collaborative tasks, and automates post-instruction assessments. Despite these benefits, there is a notable focus on predictive outcomes in existing studies, necessitating a shift towards investigating the temporal unfolding of learning processes during instruction. This temporal perspective would empower teachers to interact effectively with A.I. systems, providing valuable insights into unfolding opportunities. However, the study reveals inherent limitations and challenges in the current state of A.I. for teachers' use, encompassing reliability, technical capacity, and adaptability across diverse settings. Addressing these challenges demands future empirical research, emphasizing the necessity for A.I. systems that are both technically and pedagogically adept in contributing to quality education (Järvelä et al., 2021; Järvelä & Bannert, 2019; Valtonen et al., 2021).

1.4. A Roadmap for A.I. Integration in Discipline-Specific Applications

While the potential benefits are vast, the roadmap for A.I. integration into course syllabuses from many varying fields is not simple as someone might think. The paper posits that a well-defined roadmap, encompassing these challenges, is essential for a holistic and successful integration of A.I. into the educational landscape. As an example, in the medical field, A.I. has demonstrated its prowess in diagnostic imaging, the medical characterizations of diseases, de novo drug discovery, and personalized medicine. The integration of A.I. into medical course syllabuses ensures that future healthcare professionals are adept at leveraging A.I. tools to enhance patient care, diagnosis, and treatment planning. This will decrease the time spent per patient and enhance the personalized treatments since an A.I. can diagnose and characterize a disease in a patient compared to a medical doctor and offer treatment solutions by scanning virtually all of the combinations in its "systems biology database" which was sub-branch under genetics and genetic engineering, was being prepared for these days for the use with A.I. since each protein, enzyme, hormone and biomolecule pathway was being studied and becoming a grand diagnosis list since the development of bioinformatics were made back in early 2000s. Similarly, in engineering and pharmacy, A.I. applications span across optimization algorithms, predictive maintenance, and drug formulation. This section explores the myriad ways A.I. can be tailored to meet the unique demands of each discipline, providing students with practical skills and a holistic understanding of A.I.'s role in their chosen fields (Chen et al., 2020; Kleinheksel et al., 2020; Lahut et al., 2012; Speziale & Carpenter, 2011).

1.5. Industry-Academia Collaboration for Curriculum Planning

To ensure the relevance and effectiveness of A.I.-integrated course syllabuses, fostering collaboration between academia and industry is imperative. Industry professionals can provide insights into the latest A.I. applications, emerging trends, and skill requirements. Internship programs, joint research initiatives, and guest lectures from industry experts can bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, enhancing the overall educational experience and promoting a seamless transition from academia to the professional realm.

As this paper draws to a close, the synthesis of insights and discussions points towards a compelling conclusion. The integration of Artificial Intelligence into the University Education System, specifically within course syllabuses across diverse professional branches, emerges as a strategic imperative for institutions aspiring to prepare students for the challenges of the future. The analysis reaffirms the transformative nature of A.I. in education, illustrating how it has become an integral component of modern learning environments. The shift towards personalized and adaptive learning experiences signals a departure from traditional paradigms, emphasizing the need for continuous evolution in educational approaches. The significance of A.I. underscores integration into course syllabuses to equip students with the skills and knowledge required in the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Beyond technical proficiency, an understanding of A.I.'s ethical implications in academic studies and interdisciplinary applications is essential, ensuring graduates are well-rounded and adaptable in the face of evolving technological landscapes. While challenges such as faculty training, infrastructure development, and ethical considerations pose obstacles, the paper asserts that proactive measures and collaborative efforts can surmount these challenges. Iterative curriculum design, ongoing faculty development, and a commitment to ethical A.I. practices form the foundation for successful integration. As the concluding remarks for this part, the emphasis of the dynamic nature of the A.I.-

education nexus and the significance of continuous evaluation and adaptation for the evolving partnership between academia and industry is essential and it will serve as a catalyst for producing graduates who not only meet current industry needs but also possess the agility to navigate unforeseen challenges (Alyahyan & Düştegör, 2020; Chiu & Chai, 2020; Morrison et al., 2021).

2. Results

To be able to comprehensively perceive how A.I. has developed so far, ChatGPT4.0 as in this case, in the creation of syllabus and curriculum development, we should compare and contrast its outputs with the best universities on earth. Chemistry based 4-year plan and post-graduate curriculum can be compared and one course can be picked within that faculty to be able to understand what is missing in our current human based created course contents.

Harvard University Chemistry Department's 4-year course plan was explored in detail and found information about the undergraduate and graduate programs. The department showcases a commitment to undergraduate education, offering a variety of courses and research opportunities. They provide three undergraduate concentrations: Chemistry, Chemistry & Physics, and Chemical & Physical Biology. These concentrations cover core subjects in chemistry (like organic, inorganic, and physical chemistry), as well as physics and mathematics. The curriculum is designed to provide a comprehensive foundation in both theoretical and practical aspects of chemistry, emphasizing its fundamental role in various scientific fields such as biology, biochemistry, geology, astronomy, physics, and engineering. For graduate students, particularly Ph.D. candidates, the department has specific course requirements. Ph.D. students in Chemistry and Chemical Physics are required to pass advanced courses in chemistry and/or related fields with average grades of B or higher. The department also emphasizes the significance of scientific communication and teaching skills, requiring students to take a course in scientific teaching and communication during their first year. Students are advised to create a plan of study in consultation with the Curriculum Advising Committee, which assists in academic planning and course selection relevant to their Ph.D. program.

When it comes to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, after carefully evaluating the 4-year curriculum courses it can be stated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the Chemistry Department offers a comprehensive curriculum for undergraduate students. The program is structured to cover a wide range of topics in chemistry, starting from the first year and continuing through the senior year. The curriculum includes courses in Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Thermodynamics, Spectroscopy, and various laboratory modules. Students also have options for advanced electives in their senior year. The ChemFlex option provides flexibility for students to tailor their education according to their interests, with a selection of elective focus areas in addition to the required chemistry courses. For graduate students, MIT's Chemistry Department offers a flexible program that allows students to select courses tailored to their individual backgrounds and research interests. The program includes an oral examination in the second year, which evaluates the student's research progress and intellectual development. Thesis committees play a crucial role in guiding the graduate students throughout their Ph.D. journey, offering feedback and support in research and academic development. Annual meetings with research advisors and thesis committee chairs ensure continuous assessment and guidance for graduate students. When it comes to examining an individual important course such as Organic Chemistry 1 at MIT, the content of syllabus does not go further carbonyl compound reactions as can be seen in Table 1. Starting

Table 1. Organic chemistry 1 syllabus of MIT.

Week	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
1		**Lecture 1** Review of Lewis Bonding (PDF)	**Lecture 2** Resonance
2	**Lecture 3** Molecular Orbital Theory, Hybridization (PDF) Problem Set #1 Due	**Lecture 4** Acitidity (PDF)	**Lecture 5** Bond Lengths and Strengths/Alkanes (PDF)
3	**Lecture 6** Conformational Analysis Review Session Problem Set #2 Due	**Lecture 7** Cycloalkanes	Exam 1 (during class period)
4	**Lecture 8** Cyclohexane	**Lecture 9** Stereochemistry	**Lecture 10** Stereochemistry (PDF)
5	**Lecture 11** Free radical reactions	**Lecture 12** Free Radical Reactions, Thermodynamics and Kinetics (PDF)	**Lecture 13** Alkyl Halides / SN2 (PDF)
6	**Lecture 14** Substitution Reactions of Alkyl Halides SN2/SN1 Problem Set #4 Due	**Lecture 15** Substitution and Elimination Reactions of Alkyl Halides SN2/E1	Exam 2 (During class period)
7	**Lecture 16** Elimination Reactions of Alkyl Halides E1/E2 (PDF)	**Lecture 17** Elimination Reactions of Alkyl Halides E2	**Lecture 18** Structure and Synthesis of Alkenes
8	**Lecture 19** The Alkene Double Bond: A Focus of Reactivity: Polar and Concerted Addition Reactions. (PDF) Problem Set #5 Due		
9		**Lecture 20** Hydrogenation, Addition of HX (Markovnikov Addition), Halogenation	**Lecture 21** Epoxidation, Hydroboration (Anti-Markovnikov Addition), Osmylation and Ozonolysis, Alkene Polymerization, Problem Set #6 Due
10	**Lecture 22** ALKYNES: Structure and Bonding, Introduction to the Alkyne Triple Bond (PDF)	**Lecture 23** Alkylation of Acetylide Anions (A Carbon Nucleophile)	**Lecture 24** Addition Reactions to Alkynes, Hydrogenation, Halogenation and HX, Hydration of alkynes, Tautomerization, Problem Set #7 Due

Continued

11	Exam 3 (during class period)	**Lecture 25** ALCOHOLS: Structure, Synthesis and Reactions, Structure and Bonding, Acidity (Brief review). Synthesis of Alcohols (methods to date and new strategies), Organometallic Reagents, Reactivity and Basicity (PDF)	**Lecture 26** Reaction of Carbonyl Compounds with Grignard and Organolithium Reagents, REDOX Relationships amongst Alcohols, Aldehydes and Ketones and Carboxylic Acids. Alcohols as Nucleophiles (Formation of Alkoxides) and Electrophiles (Formation of Tosylates). Esterification
12	**Lecture 27** AROMATIC COMPOUNDS: Structure and Reactions. 2, 3, and 4 Pi Electron Systems. Benzene—the Prototypic Aromatic System. What is "Aromaticity"? Hückel's rule. Identifying Aromatic Systems. Charged and Neutral Species. Polycyclics and Heterocyclic (PDF)	**Lecture 28** Reaction Chemistry of Aromatic Compounds—Electrophilic Aromatic Substitution, Halogenation, Nitration, Sulfonylation and Friedel-Crafts Alkylation and Acylation. Problem Set #8 Due	
13	**Lecture 29** Directing Effects in Electrophilic Aromatic Substitution (PDF)	**Lecture 30** Nucleophilic Aromatic Substitution, Strategies in the Synthesis of Multisubstituted Benzene Derivatives.	
14			**Lecture 31** CARBONYL COMPOUNDS: Summary of Various Types of Carbonyl Compounds—Aldehydes and Ketones, Carboxylic Acids and Carboxylic Acids and Carboxylic Acid Derivatives (Acid Chlorides, Acid Anhydrides, Esters and Amides). Problem Set #9 Due

from the most reduced, lowest hierarchical state of alkanes, alkenes, alkynes, the course content does not react to the highest oxidized form of, the highest hierarchical state of functional groups of carboxylic acids and their derivatives. MIT thinks that this such detail can be taught in the second semester within Organic Chemistry 2.

As we come to the research of what ChatGPT4.0 suggests to find the optimum 4-year program in chemistry, a well-rounded chemistry program should ideally include a balance of theoretical knowledge and practical skills, covering areas like organic chemistry, inorganic chemistry, physical chemistry, analytical chemistry, and biochemistry, along with ample laboratory experience. For a detailed comparison of the Organic Chemistry 1 courses across these universities, one needs to analyze the course content, objectives, laboratory components, and teaching methodologies. This comparison would offer insights into the emphasis in each university places on different aspects of organic chemistry, which is crucial for careers in chemistry and the pharmaceutical industry. Such a course should ideally provide a strong foundation in understanding the structure, reactivity, and synthesis of organic compounds, along with their applications in real-world scenarios.

ChatGPT4.0 advices strongly that a well-structured Organic Chemistry 1 course usually spans across a 15-week semester, covering a variety of fundamental topics. In the week-by-week breakdown for such a course, designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of organic chemistry 1 in Table 2, the A.I. strongly suggests the learning of all the carboxylic acids and their derivatives, the highest hierarchical functional groups within Organic Chemistry 1 rather than going into those topics in Organic Chemistry 2.

This ChatGPT4.0 syllabus is very much like at Institution, Author's Organic Chemistry 1 course as well. In the faculty of pharmacy at Institution, students are encouraged to have flexible education and learn the material from varying sources without memorizing the course elements. In Organic Chemistry 1 courses, the reaction mechanisms and the concepts are taught to know the chemistry and its uses once and for. Therefore, anyone who will become a pharmacist in the future understands all of the functional groups in one course and can be prepared for its further beneficial uses in the following course, Organic Chemistry 2.

Each week typically includes a combination of lectures, readings, problem sets, and laboratory exercises to reinforce the concepts taught. This course

Table 2. Optimum course content suggestion of ChatGPT 4.0 for organic chemistry 1 syllabus.

1. Introduction to Organic Chemistry	Overview of organic chemistry, structure and bonding in organic molecules.
2. Hydrocarbons and Alkanes	Introduction to hydrocarbons, structure, and properties of alkanes.
3. Alkenes and Alkynes	Structure, nomenclature, and properties of alkenes and alkynes.
4. Stereochemistry	Chirality, optical activity, and stereoisomers.
5. Alkene and Alkyne Reactions	Electrophilic addition reactions, mechanisms, and regioselectivity.
6. Substitution and Elimination Reactions I	Introduction to substitution and elimination reactions, focusing on SN1 and SN2 reactions.
7. Substitution and Elimination Reactions II	E1 and E2 reactions and their mechanisms.
8. Alcohols and Ethers	Properties, synthesis, and reactions of alcohols and ethers.
9. Conjugation and Aromaticity	Understanding conjugation, resonance, and aromaticity; introduction to benzene and its derivatives.
10. Electrophilic Aromatic Substitution	Mechanisms and types of electrophilic aromatic substitution reactions.
11. Aldehydes and Ketones I	Structure, nomenclature, and properties of aldehydes and ketones.
12. Aldehydes and Ketones II	Nucleophilic addition reactions of aldehydes and ketones.
13. Carboxylic Acids and Derivatives	Introduction to carboxylic acids, esters, amides, and their chemistry.
14. Amines	Structure, properties, and reactions of amines.
15. Review and Exam Preparation	Review of key concepts and preparation for the final exam.

structure ensures a progressive understanding of organic chemistry, starting from basic concepts and gradually moving to more complex topics. The final week is often reserved for review and examination preparation, ensuring students consolidate their learning effectively.

All in all, A.I. sums up course contents very well and teaches the course material with proper weekly syllabi since it has access to the best university course syllabi all over the world and merges them to create the perfect content. Therefore, faculty members who need to teach the best content should ask the opinion of A.I. in this sense. Both 4-year program curriculums and course syllabi need to be upgraded and updated using the latest A.I.'s educational outputs.

3. Conclusion

To sum up, it should be stated that the integration of Artificial Intelligence into course syllabuses is not merely an educational enhancement; it is a strategic imperative, shaping the future trajectory of education and preparing the workforce for a landscape defined by A.I. innovation. As institutions embark on this transformative journey, the synthesis of theoretical knowledge, practical applications, and ethical considerations will be the cornerstone of success, ensuring that graduates emerge not only as experts in their fields but as visionary professionals ready to meet the challenges and opportunities of an A.I.-driven future. Since A.I. can span the whole internet, new research articles, patents and compute what should be the best education for the students, the course contents and syllabus outputs shaped by A.I. will be the best to be trusted.

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The authors declare no conflicts of interest regarding the publication of this paper.

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