



Impact of Intelligent Systems and AI Automation on Operational Efficiency and User Satisfaction in Higher Education

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ABSTRACT

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The integration of intelligent systems in higher education institutions has shown considerable potential to improve operational efficiency and user satisfaction among students and administrative staff. Through automation, artificial intelligence, and educational analytics, these systems streamline administrative processes, reduce response times, and enhance the overall user experience. Despite growing interest in the field, comprehensive evidence regarding their actual impact remains scattered across diverse case studies. This systematic review analyzed 37 empirical studies selected from Scopus and Web of Science databases, following PRISMA 2020 guidelines. The review focused on evaluating the effects of intelligent systems including chatbots, AI-powered platforms, and automation tools on administrative efficiency and user satisfaction. Studies were assessed using the CASP checklist to evaluate risk of bias. Data were extracted and analyzed using RStudio, combining narrative synthesis with descriptive and inferential techniques. Findings revealed that the use of intelligent systems consistently contributed to improved processing times up to 50% reductions in some cases and high satisfaction levels among users, often exceeding 4.3 on 5-point Likert scales. Improvements were also observed in cost reduction, error minimization, service accessibility, and personalization of learning experiences. However, variability in satisfaction outcomes was influenced by contextual factors such as user expectations, previous exposure to technology, and system alignment with institutional goals. Most studies exhibited high methodological quality, although some lacked explicit discussion of researcher reflexivity or long-term implications. This review highlights the transformative role of intelligent systems in enhancing administrative and educational processes in higher education. Institutions adopting these technologies should prioritize user-centered design, ethical data governance, and strategic alignment to ensure sustainable, effective implementation.

1. INTRODUCTION

The integration of intelligent systems, particularly those powered by artificial intelligence (AI), has brought about transformative changes in higher education institutions [1]. These systems have significantly enhanced operational efficiency, improved student satisfaction, and elevated administrative satisfaction. This response explores these impacts in detail, supported by insights from various research papers.

AI-powered systems have transformed resource management and operational efficiency in higher education. Through predictive analytics, these technologies have enabled institutions to forecast enrollment trends and allocate resources more effectively. The optimization of facilities and staff usage has led to reduced operational costs and increased institutional efficiency. Furthermore, AI-driven analytics have provided valuable insights into teaching effectiveness and student satisfaction, which in turn support continuous improvement efforts [2].

The automation of routine administrative tasks has also marked a significant advancement. Activities such as attendance tracking, grading, and report generation have been streamlined through AI tools, easing the administrative load on educators and allowing them to dedicate more time to strategic responsibilities. For instance, the implementation of chatbot prototypes in private higher education institutions has proven effective in engaging both students and faculty while automating key functions like course registration and responding to frequently asked questions [3].

AI has further strengthened decision-making processes within academic institutions. By identifying at-risk students early and enabling targeted interventions, AI technologies have contributed to improved retention rates. Real-time analytics also support managerial decision-making by enhancing the efficiency of resource allocation and increasing institutional responsiveness [4].

One of the most significant contributions of AI integration lies in the personalization of learning experiences. Adaptive platforms powered by AI can tailor content and support to

individual student needs, identifying learning gaps and recommending targeted interventions to improve academic outcomes. These systems have been shown to enhance both student engagement and performance [2].

Student engagement and academic support have similarly benefited from AI. Tools such as chatbots deliver real-time academic updates and personalized advice, while virtual teaching assistants provide tailored feedback and contribute to improved academic outcomes. These applications have played a key role in enriching the educational experience [3, 5].

Accessibility and inclusivity have also been enhanced through AI. The development of multilingual chatbots has facilitated access for diverse student populations, while AI-powered learning tools have helped bridge the digital divide by ensuring that students from varied socio-economic backgrounds can benefit from personalized educational technologies [5, 6].

In terms of administrative satisfaction, AI has contributed to a marked improvement in institutional efficiency. The automation of tasks such as attendance and grading have freed educators to engage in higher-level planning, while tools like chatbots have simplified and accelerated administrative workflows, easing the burden on institutional staff [3].

Consequently, this study seeks to answer the following research question: What is the impact of intelligent systems on the operational efficiency of administrative processes and the perceived satisfaction of students and administrative staff in higher education institutions? To this end, the objective is to critically evaluate the available empirical evidence regarding the impact of intelligent systems, including automation tools and learning analytics, on both operational efficiency and perceived satisfaction within higher education contexts.

2. METHODOLOGY

2.1 Type of research and reporting standards

A systematic review was conducted, analyzing empirical studies with qualitative, quantitative, or mixed-method approaches. The methodological process adhered strictly to the guidelines established by the PRISMA 2020 statement (Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses).

2.2 PICO framework

The systematic review was structured using the PICO framework, identifying the population (P) as students and administrative staff in higher education institutions. The intervention (I) analyzed was the implementation of intelligent systems, specifically administrative automation and educational analytics. A comparator (C) was not explicitly defined, implicitly considering situations prior to the implementation or without the use of these systems. Finally, the outcomes (O) assessed included changes in operational efficiency of administrative processes, and perceptions or satisfaction levels of students and administrative personnel regarding these systems.

2.3 Inclusion and exclusion criteria

The systematic review included only empirical studies published in scientific journals or conference proceedings that

specifically addressed the use of intelligent systems, such as administrative automation and educational analytics, in higher education institutions, assessing their impact on operational efficiency and/or perceived satisfaction of students and administrative staff. No restrictions were applied regarding publication year or language. Conversely, theoretical articles, narrative reviews, and studies lacking original empirical data were excluded, along with research conducted outside higher education contexts or studies exclusively focused on unrelated technologies. Additionally, incomplete documents, those for which full-text access was not available, or studies with insufficient methodological information were also excluded.

2.4 Search strategy

The literature search was conducted using the Scopus and Web of Science (WoS) databases. These databases were chosen due to their international recognition, multidisciplinary scope, and specific relevance to research areas such as higher education, educational technologies, artificial intelligence, and administrative sciences. Both databases provided consistent access to methodologically rigorous scientific studies.

A generic search formulation adapted and applied for both databases was as follows:

("intelligen*" OR "automat*" OR "artificial intelligence" OR "educational analytic*" OR "learning analytic*") AND ("efficienc*" OR "performan*" OR "administrative process*" OR "operational improv*") AND ("user satisfact*" OR "student percept*" OR "administrative staff satisfact*" OR "user experienc*") AND ("higher education" OR "universit*" OR "college*" OR "tertiary education").

This strategy was slightly modified according to the specific technical requirements of each database, employing truncation symbols (*) to maximize the retrieval of relevant studies.

2.5 Article selection process

The article selection was performed following the four stages recommended by the PRISMA 2020 guidelines. Initially, records were identified through database searches and managed using specialized reference management software. Next, screening was performed based on titles and abstracts, eliminating duplicates and clearly irrelevant studies. Subsequently, the eligibility of remaining studies was assessed through full-text reading to ensure strict compliance with the inclusion and exclusion criteria. Lastly, a definitive list of studies was compiled for detailed systematic analysis.

2.6 Risk of bias assessment of studies

The risk of bias of the selected studies was assessed using the Critical Appraisal Skills Programme (CASP) checklist. According to CASP criteria, methodological aspects evaluated included clarity of research objectives, appropriateness and coherence of study design, recruitment and participant selection procedures, rigor in data collection and analysis, ethical considerations, clarity in presentation and discussion of results, and the relevance and applicability of findings to specific contexts. The results of this evaluation were systematically recorded in tables organized in Excel spreadsheets to facilitate further analysis.

2.7 Data extraction and studied variable

Data extraction was conducted using a structured matrix in

Excel, systematically capturing relevant information from included studies, such as authors, publication year, journal or conference, country, and language. Methodological details were also extracted, including study design, description of intelligent systems evaluated, indicators and methods employed to measure operational efficiency and user satisfaction, clearly reported quantitative and qualitative results, and identified study limitations. In cases where specific information was unavailable, the expression "Not declared" was explicitly recorded.

2.8 Data processing

After extraction and organization, data were exported from Excel and processed in RStudio, utilizing available statistical packages appropriate for qualitative and quantitative data analyses. Descriptive and inferential analyses were conducted, complemented by thematic or content analyses according to the specific nature of data obtained. The entire procedure was documented thoroughly through scripts to ensure complete transparency and reproducibility of the systematic review.

3. RESULTS

The study selection process followed the PRISMA flowchart guidelines. A total of 244 records were initially identified through database searches: Scopus (n = 164) and Web of Science (n = 80). Subsequently, 56 duplicate records were removed, resulting in 188 records that were screened.

During the title and abstract screening phase, 47 records were excluded for not being original research, 24 for having an irrelevant study design, and 59 for not meeting the inclusion criteria. Consequently, 58 reports were sought for full-text retrieval.

Of these, 9 reports could not be retrieved, leaving 49 reports assessed for full-text eligibility. Following this assessment, 7 studies were excluded for not being related to research and 5 for presenting incomplete data. Ultimately, 37 studies met all the inclusion criteria and were included in the final review (Figure 1).

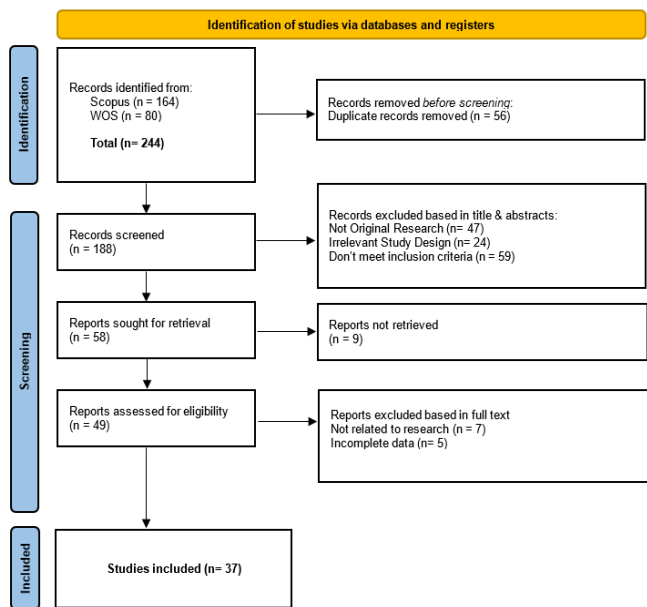


Figure 1. PRISMA flowchart

The results indicated a generally high methodological quality among the studies reviewed. Specifically, more than 85% of the articles fully met at least 8 out of the 10 questions of the CASP checklist, suggesting a low overall risk of bias.

The first three questions concerning the clarity of the research aim, the appropriateness of the qualitative design, and methodological congruence were answered affirmatively in all the included studies, reflecting a well-structured and clearly formulated foundation across the papers. Questions 4 and 5, which focused on the appropriateness of participant recruitment and the systematic collection of data, also yielded positive results. However, partial responses were recorded in approximately 12% of the studies, primarily due to insufficient justification for participant selection or limitations in the contextual description of data collection. Question 6, assessing whether the relationship between researchers and participants (reflexivity) was adequately considered, received the highest number of partial responses. This was identified as a common limitation in qualitative research of this nature. Only 60% of the studies addressed this aspect explicitly, while the remaining 40% provided little to no information. Regarding data analysis (question 7) and the clarity of findings (question 8), most studies achieved a full score, reinforcing the reliability and transparency of the reported outcomes.

The final two questions, which addressed the value of the research and its practical applicability (questions 9 and 10), were widely satisfied. Over 90% of the articles explicitly acknowledged the practical implications of their findings and their relevance to institutional or pedagogical improvement.

The studies included in the review were conducted across 22 countries, reflecting a wide international distribution and interest in the implementation of automated systems within educational and administrative settings. The highest representation was observed in countries from China and Spain. America was represented by studies carried out in the United States, while Australia was the sole representative of Oceania. Additional contributions were found from Hong Kong, Lebanon, and Kazakhstan, underscoring the cross-continental relevance of the topic (Figure 2).

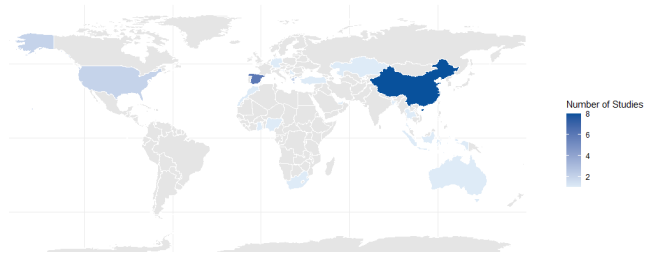


Figure 2. Geographic distribution of included studies

This geographic diversity was visualized using a single-color gradient map, where countries were shaded based on the frequency of studies conducted. Darker shades indicated a higher number of included studies, allowing for the identification of regional concentrations. The dominance of Asian countries in the dataset suggested a growing emphasis on technological innovation in education and public services within that region (Figure 2).

This review of recent studies that implemented automated systems in educational and administrative contexts revealed relevant findings regarding their effects on efficiency, user satisfaction, and the reduction of errors. A total of 8,264 participants were included in the studies analyzed, primarily

involving students, but also including academics and administrative staff.

The automated systems applied were diverse, including intelligent chatbots based on ITIL, Generative AI tools such as ChatGPT, integrated BIM+GIS platforms with technologies like IoT and Big Data, AI-powered learning applications, and two-factor authentication systems with facial recognition.

Regarding processing time, improvements were consistently reported. In one study, the system's response time was reduced to 4.17 seconds, while another reported a decrease in model loading time by approximately 50%, indicating enhanced operational efficiency through automation.

In terms of user satisfaction, all studies that reported on this metric described positive outcomes. Approximate satisfaction levels ranged between 3.5 and 5.0 on a 5-point Likert scale,

with some studies reporting mean satisfaction scores above 4.3. High satisfaction was particularly notable when systems were aligned with users' expectations and perceived usefulness.

Improvements were also observed in the reduction of operational errors, optimization of costs, and resource utilization. Some systems contributed to lowering operational costs, minimizing identity verification errors, and enhancing data security. Others supported greater educational inclusivity and efficient management of institutional services, demonstrating a favorable cost–benefit balance.

Finally, the key outcomes included substantial accuracy improvements up to 96% in some systems as well as increased process efficiency and positive effects on learning performance, particularly when artificial intelligence tools were integrated with user-centered design principles (Table 1).

Table 1. Summary of studies on the implementation and impact of automated systems in educational and administrative contexts

Author	Year	N	Population	Automated System	Processing Time Comparison	User Satisfaction Level	Impact on Errors, Costs, Resources	Key Outcomes
Ahriz et al. [7]	2024	120	Students	Smart chatbot system based on ITIL	Response time decreased to 4.17 seconds	Improved satisfaction	Reduced waiting times and operational costs; lowered workload on IT support	96% response accuracy; increased efficiency and decision-making quality
Al-Emran et al. [8]	2024	773	Students	Generative AI tools (mainly ChatGPT)	NA	Positively correlated with service, system, and information quality	Enhanced educational inclusivity and learning outcomes	Significant positive effect on social sustainability and user satisfaction
Chang et al. [9]	2022	478	Students	AI-powered English learning application (Liulishuo)	NA	Significantly influenced by gratification-based factors; improved learning performance	NA	Positive influence of attitude on learning performance and continuous use intention
Chompookham et al. [10]	2024	40	Students, Academics	Two-Factor Authentication system with AI-based facial recognition	NA	High satisfaction (mean 4.54/5)	Improved identity verification; enhanced information security in academic systems	83.54% recognition accuracy; system highly accepted by users
Chrysafiadi et al. [11]	2023	140	Students	Fuzzy-based Intelligent Tutoring System for programming	Fewer interactions needed to achieve learning goals	High usability and satisfaction; motivated learners	Adaptive support reduced learner dropout and improved engagement	Improved learning performance, recommendation accuracy, and user engagement
Derbas and Voss [12]	2023	28	Students, Administrative Staff	Automated Shading System with AI-based control and override	NA	Higher satisfaction with multi-objective strategy and override option	Reduced shade override actions; improved comfort and energy efficiency	Robust design recommendations for balancing user comfort and energy use
Djokic et al. [13]	2024	285	Students	Various AI services in education (SCAIES model)	NA	Positive perceptions; highest for personalized learning and sentiment analysis	Improved prediction of performance and learning customization	Validated reflective-formative model; student-centric AI adoption insights
El Khodr et al. [14]	2023	52	Students (Undergraduate and Postgraduate ICT)	ChatGPT	Improved speed in generating answers and information	Generally positive; UG students found it more enjoyable	Improved user flow and information hierarchy in tasks; time-saving	Enhanced learning outcomes and performance with ChatGPT vs. search engines
Fawaz et al. [15]	2025	23	Students (Health Sciences)	Generative AI (e.g., ChatGPT)	Enhanced efficiency in learning and assignment completion	High; supported autonomy, creativity, and clarity	Improved clarity, personalized learning, and time efficiency	Positive perceptions: improved writing, autonomous learning, innovative thinking
Foşner [16]	2024	422	Students (Various disciplines)	AI tools including ChatGPT and GPT-4	NA	Mixed; 89% positive about AI in education	Concerns about overreliance, fairness, and academic integrity	Frequent use in assignments; students report increased efficiency and accessibility
Gonzalez-Garcia et al. [17]	2025	86	Students (Nursing)	ChatGPT	NA	89.5% reported significant	Perceived usefulness linked with GPA and	Higher GPA associated with ChatGPT use;

						improvement in academic performance	improved academic outcomes	more impact observed in women
Gordillo [18]	2019	94	Students (Programming/Engineering)	Instructor-centered Automated Programming Assignments Grading System (IAPAGS)	Faster assessment vs. manual grading	Mixed; positive motivation, but 39% found feedback not useful	Reduced grading load; improved student engagement and submission quality	Performance improved after feedback; valuable for managing large classes
Herrera-Viedma et al. [19]	2009	18	Students	Computer-supported learning system for Fuzzy Information Retrieval Systems (FIRSs)	Improved comprehension and faster learning of complex query models	Positive, improved motivation and exam performance	Reduced misunderstandings and improved visualization of complex processes	Significant improvement in exam results and conceptual understanding of FIRSs
Hu et al. [20]	2025	563	Pre-service Teachers	Generative AI platforms (ChatGPT, ERNIE-3.5)	Not explicitly measured, but indicated increased efficiency in task completion	High behavioral intention to use GAI; influenced by effort expectancy, hedonic motivation, and habit	Perceived risk identified as a barrier; recommendations to improve data security and reduce risk	Behavioral intention to use GAI influenced by ease of use, social influence, and enjoyment
Kang and Hong [21]	2025	20	Students	HoMemeTown Dr. CareSam chatbot (based on ChatGPT 4.0)	Not explicitly reported, but efficiency improved over other chatbots	High (9.0/10 for positivity and support, 8.7 for empathy)	Improved mental health support access; cross-lingual capability reduced communication barriers	Empathetic, user-friendly tool with risk detection; outperformed Woebot and Happify in satisfaction
Kazanidis and Pellas [22]	2024	66	Students (Early Childhood Education and Computer Science)	Generative AI platforms for educational content (ChatGPT, Jasper, Animaker)	Improved speed and creativity in instructional content creation	Higher satisfaction in ECE group; high comfort level in CS group	Enhanced educational design quality, facilitated interdisciplinary collaboration	ECE students showed greater satisfaction; CS students' higher technical proficiency
Khumalo et al. [23]	2023	200	Students (Education)	AutoScholar Advisor System (Auto-Ad)	Improved tracking and advising efficiency compared to traditional methods	High satisfaction through self-directed learning and goal setting	Optimized support, reduced staff workload, increased student agency	Positive impact on academic performance, especially cum laude trajectories
Kim et al. [24]	2025	20	Students	ChatGPT4-embedded writing system (Writing With GPT)	NA	High satisfaction; GenAI viewed as tutor, peer, and assistant	Improved writing quality, ideation, and motivation; reduced workload for instructors	Enhanced writing process, performance, and affective factors; benefits outweighed perceived risks
Li et al. [25]	2022	135	Students	Genetic Algorithm-based grouping method (IVMGA)	Faster collaboration efficiency in experimental groups	Higher satisfaction and collaboration quality	Optimized group formation reduced imbalance, improved academic outcomes	Experimental groups outperformed traditional and random groups in performance and perception
Li et al. [26]	2025	167	Students	General use of AI tools including ChatGPT	Perceived as improving task efficiency and information retrieval	Generally positive toward AI in learning; cautious about grading by AI	Improved learning support; concerns about dependency and privacy	Perceived benefits: personalized learning, efficiency, skill development; risks: reduced thinking, ethical and data concerns
Liu [27]	2024	15	Academics, Library Professionals	Research Intelligence Service System with AI and ANP-gray fuzzy algorithm	Improved information retrieval speed by 30%	Increased by 25%	Improved efficiency by 40%; reduced redundancy in processes	Enhanced service capacity of libraries, better research support
Mamun et al. [28]	2024	1664	Students, Academics, Guardians	Smart Reception AI-based receptionist system (Bangla language, ASR, TTS, QA, facial/speaker recognition)	Reduced wait times in reception processes	Over 75% satisfaction; 88% interested in real-life implementation	Optimized administrative tasks, minimized human errors	High usability, cultural adaptability, enhanced productivity
Marquès et al. [29]	2022	99	Students	Notification, Recommendation, and Monitoring System	Encouraged earlier and more frequent submissions	Positive effect on student organization and perception of helpfulness	Provided timely alerts and insights; supported assignment performance tracking	Improved engagement, time management, and task completion rates

				integrated into DSLab (Automated Assessment Tool)				
Ozdere [30]	2025	16	Students (English Language and Literature or ELT)	AI feedback tools (ChatGPT and You.com) for academic writing	Faster feedback cycle, iterative improvement process	Perceived as useful, reliable, and motivating	Enhanced writing accuracy, self- correction, and skill acquisition	Significant improvement in writing scores; increased confidence in revision
Orok et al. [31]	2024	252	Students (Pharmacy)	Chat-based AI tools (ChatGPT®, Grammarly®, etc.) for educational support	Improved study and assignment efficiency	88.5% positive perception; 85.3% believed it enhanced academic performance	Enhanced personalization, reduced teacher workload	Widespread AI adoption; recommendation to integrate AI education into curriculum
Owusu [32]	2024	687	Students	Knowledge Management Systems (KMS) including LMS (Sakai), Library System, Institutional Repository, FAQs, Email, Google Forms	Quicker response time, improved access to academic materials	Increased satisfaction: system use influences satisfaction which impacts academic performance	Improved efficacy and production, facilitates decision-making, provided needed performance level	Technical and social KMS factors influence system use, which affects satisfaction and academic performance
Rafida et al. [33]	2024	20	Students (EFL)	Various AI tools (Grammarly, QuillBot, ChatGPT)	Improved efficiency in grammar correction, topic generation, and paraphrasing	80–90% positive perceptions in Indonesia and Taiwan	Improved grammar, reduced plagiarism risk when used carefully, helps with paraphrasing	AI aids in grammar, rephrasing, topic generation; some concerns about dependency and authenticity
Sáiz-Manzanares et al. [34]	2020	109	Students (Nursing and Occupational Therapy)	Alexa-based Intelligent Personal Assistant (UBUVoiceAssi stant)	Improved access to LMS resources, increased access to practical information	High, especially for teaching and COVID-19 support	Greater LMS functionality, increased efficiency, improved coordination	Increased platform engagement, higher satisfaction, effective support during COVID-19
Sánchez-Vera [35]	2025	42	Students (Early Childhood Education)	Subject- specialized chatbot	Improved concept clarification, not as effective for exam simulation	91.4% clarity of doubts, 95.7% concept comprehension	Promoted study autonomy, low effect in organization/motivation	Moderate use correlated with best academic results; excessive use led to lower outcomes
Shahzad et al. [36]	2024	401	Students	AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT) and Social Media integrated in Smart Learning environments	Enhanced learning efficiency and peer feedback	High; positive perception of AI/social media's impact on academic performance and mental well-being	Improved self-directed learning, support tools, and mental health assistance	AI and social media positively impact academic and emotional outcomes; smart learning mediates both effects
Shorey et al. [37]	2020	210	Students (Nursing) and Academics (Clinical Facilitators)	Virtual Counseling Application Using Artificial Intelligence (VCAAI)	Improved preparation for tutorials and clinicals; faster review	Generally satisfied; praised convenience and accessibility	Reduced dependence on standardized patients; improved skill retention	Boosted confidence, improved technical communication skills, need for more realism in emotional expression
Song et al. [38]	2025	80	Students (Postgraduate)	Generative AI Chatbot (Dou Bao by ByteDance)	More efficient than peer discussion for creative problem solving	Higher perceived usefulness and ease of use than peer support	Enhanced performance, reduced workload, individualized support	Improved creative problem-solving, dialogue dynamics, and student satisfaction
Sun et al. [39]	2024	82	Students	ChatGPT- facilitated programming (CFP)	CFP increased debugging and feedback review behaviors	Significant improvement in perceived usefulness, ease of use, and intention to use	Improved programming performance, more frequent debugging, reduced frustration through personalized feedback	No statistically significant performance difference vs control, but enhanced perceptions and strategic behavior changes
Uluskan [40]	2023	373	Students	SEM-ANN hybrid system for cafeteria service quality assessment	NA	Ranked satisfaction drivers: reliability, sufficiency, physical properties	Identified predictors of satisfaction, optimized service variables	Hybrid AI model improved assessment accuracy of university service quality; could guide improvements
Yu et al. [41]	2024	328	Students	ChatGPT	Improved efficiency through automation, ease of use, and task	Positively correlated with perceived usefulness and ease of use	Increased perceived ease, usefulness, and continued use intention	Satisfaction drives continued use; compatibility and efficiency are key predictors

Zhang et al. [42]	2025	63	Students (Translation and Interpreting Programs)	GenAI tools (ChatGPT, Bing Chat, Bard)	execution Faster translation, revision, and information retrieval	High satisfaction; increased confidence, motivation, and learning autonomy	Improved grammar, terminology use, and reduced repetition	Enhanced translation quality and efficiency; students favor integration in curriculum
Zheldibayeva [43]	2025	93	Students (Non- English Majors)	ChatGPT (Telegram bot) and Gemini (Google) for writing and listening	Improved performance over control in short term	Positive feedback on personalization and feedback quality	Helped with feedback, listening comprehension, writing clarity	Short-term gains in listening and writing; sustained use needed for lasting impact

4. DISCUSSION

The study consistently demonstrated that the implementation of intelligent systems, particularly those powered by artificial intelligence (AI), significantly improves operational efficiency and satisfaction among students and administrative staff within higher education institutions. Notably, response and processing times exhibited remarkable enhancements, with specific cases showing reductions of up to 50%, accompanied by high user satisfaction levels generally ranging from 3.5 to 5.0 on Likert scales.

These findings underscore the importance of intelligent systems as essential instruments for optimizing administrative and educational workflows. They emphasize the capacity of these technologies to decrease operational times, enhance accuracy, and personalize the learning experience, ultimately fostering improved academic outcomes and increased satisfaction across diverse user groups.

The observed results align with previous research highlighting perceived usefulness and ease of use as critical determinants of acceptance and satisfaction in the adoption of educational technologies. Additionally, these findings corroborate earlier studies recognizing automation and artificial intelligence as pivotal factors for increasing institutional efficiency and promoting personalized educational approaches. Administrative processes, ranging from enrollment procedures to academic performance evaluations, were optimized by these systems, resulting in cost reduction and improved service quality. According to Tari and Dick [44], quality management in higher education was facilitated by technological tools that supported data collection and analysis, allowing for deeper insight into student needs. Additionally, the adoption of e-business approaches, as highlighted by Boys and Ford [45], allowed institutions to adapt to increasingly competitive markets, thus improving not only operational efficiency but also student and administrative staff satisfaction. This indicated that integrating intelligent systems was essential to achieving higher educational quality standards. These antecedents corroborate the findings of this research.

From the findings, it can be inferred that broader and more effective implementation of intelligent systems requires the development of user-centered strategies coupled with robust data governance frameworks, addressing identified ethical issues and privacy risks comprehensively and effectively. Automation of administrative processes within higher education institutions represented a significant shift toward enhanced operational efficiency. The implementation of intelligent systems enabled not only the optimization of routine tasks but also the effective collection and analysis of data influencing strategic decision-making. A recent study on the application of business intelligence in a student participation tracking system illustrated how automation

transformed data collection into valuable information, thereby improving student engagement management and, consequently, academic satisfaction, according with Duan et al. [46]. Furthermore, the capability of these systems to integrate data from multiple sources including tracking devices and online activities demonstrated the potential of automation to not only increase operational efficiency but also enrich the student experience through more informed management practices [46].

Variability observed in user satisfaction outcomes might be attributable to differences in users' initial expectations, prior experiences, and adaptability to newly introduced technological systems. Likewise, incomplete or partially available data in some reviewed studies likely contributed to the occurrence of less conclusive or unexpected outcomes. Student satisfaction in higher education institutions was significantly influenced by the implementation of intelligent systems designed to optimize operational processes. These systems not only facilitated the integration of various information platforms but also enhanced access to relevant data, enabling students to acquire crucial information supporting their learning process. According to a study, the effective integration of enterprise application integration systems reduced data redundancy and inconsistency, subsequently enhancing the student experience by providing a unified view of their academic and administrative journey [47]. Furthermore, quality management within these environments emphasized identifying and meeting students' needs as primary stakeholders, underscoring the importance of their feedback for the continuous improvement of educational services [44].

Theoretically, these findings reinforce technology adoption models, particularly those emphasizing perceived usefulness and adaptability in educational settings. Practically, higher education institutions can greatly benefit from integrating these insights into their strategic planning processes, optimizing administrative functions, and developing increasingly personalized educational methodologies. Studies [48, 49] described personalized learning experiences emerged as a vital element in the transformation of higher education, particularly with the implementation of intelligent systems. These systems facilitated a more adaptive, student-centered approach, enabling institutions to better identify individual students' needs and learning styles. Personalization was observed not only to promote greater student engagement but also to optimize the operational efficiency of educational institutions by reducing dropout rates and enhancing academic outcomes. Additionally, curriculum adaptation and content delivery, driven by data analysis, aligned with strategies outlined in the A18-Point model, emphasizing the importance of data collection and outcome monitoring to enhance student experiences [49]. Moreover, the application of artificial intelligence in educational analytics enabled the forecasting of

trends and behaviors, fundamentally transforming resource management and administrative processes [48].

Despite these promising results, the present study faces several methodological limitations. Primarily, there was insufficient consideration given to researcher-participant reflexivity within qualitative research components, alongside limited explicit discussion of potential biases within some analyzed studies. Furthermore, potential dependence on AI technologies, as well as ethical considerations and data privacy concerns, emerged as crucial areas requiring additional attention and investigation.

Finally, several questions remain unresolved and require further exploration, including the long-term sustainability of intelligent systems, the effectiveness and applicability of diverse implementation models across varying cultural contexts, and strategies for effectively managing ethical dilemmas and privacy concerns inherent in the extensive deployment of AI-based technologies.

5. CONCLUSIONS

The findings demonstrated significant benefits associated with the integration of intelligent systems in higher education, particularly in enhancing operational efficiency, improving user satisfaction, and supporting educational quality. However, to ensure the long-term sustainability and responsible deployment of these technologies remains essential to address the identified methodological limitations and ethical considerations.

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NOMENCLATURE

AI	Artificial Intelligence
BIM	Building Information Modeling
GIS	Geographic Information System
IoT	Internet of Things
ITIL	Information Technology Infrastructure Library
N	Sample Size (number of participants)
ChatGPT	Chat Generative Pre-Trained Transformer
2FA	Two-Factor Authentication
Liulishuo	AI-Powered English Learning Application
NA	Not Available (data not reported or not applicable)