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# McGraw Hill Introduces New AI Capabilities in Its Connect Digital Course Solution for Higher Education

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New features promote responsible AI use through in-the-moment student support, tailored reading experiences and resources that build essential AI literacy skills

COLUMBUS, Ohio--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **McGraw Hill, Inc.** (NYSE: MH) ("McGraw Hill"), a leading global provider of education solutions for preK-12, higher education and professional learning, today announced new artificial intelligence (AI) capabilities within McGraw Hill Connect®, its digital learning and course management solution for higher education.

Enhancements within Connect include Learning Coach, a conversational AI tutor launching in select courses over the coming months, as well as a new Translation Tool and resources to help students build AI literacy.

## 1. Extending Personalized Support for Students

**Learning Coach** is a new conversational AI tutor rooted in learning science that will be available in select courses within Connect over the coming months, providing instructors with a solution to extend scalable, in-the-moment support for students as they work through challenging concepts.

Developed in collaboration with **Kyron Learning**, a learning technology company focused on AI-powered instruction

for higher education, Learning Coach uses video and text to offer real-time explanations, guided questioning and step-by-step support for complex concepts. This educator-initiated AI experience is designed to help students think critically and deepen understanding, adapting in real-time based on each student's needs to build learning that lasts.

Instructors will be able to assign Learning Coach for the most challenging topics in the course, ensuring students get the right help at the right time.

## 2. Tailoring the Reading Experience with AI

A new **Translation Tool**, available for most Connect eBook titles this spring, allows students to select text and view both the original and translated content side-by-side. With support for 38 languages at launch, this feature enables multilingual learners to better navigate course materials while ensuring their reading remains aligned with instructor assignments.

Additionally, **AI Reader** continues to enhance Connect's AI-powered reading support. AI Reader encourages active reading by allowing students to highlight passages for simplified explanations and comprehension checks, helping learners engage more deeply with content and learn at their own pace.

Since it launched in fall 2024, students have interacted with AI Reader more than 45 million times, underscoring the strong demand for AI-powered tools that are embedded directly at key moments in the learning experience.

## 3. Building Essential AI Skills

Instructors can now assign **AI literacy learning modules** within the Connect digital course solution to help students learn how to apply GenAI thoughtfully and effectively. The modules focus on practical use cases and real-world applications covering topics such as prompt refinement, searching for jobs in the age of AI, and using AI ethically and responsibly.

Students can further develop and showcase these skills through a **SIMskills Badge in Foundational GenAI**, available now through Connect. The self-paced course culminates in a digital credential that students can share on LinkedIn, resumes and other professional platforms. SIMskills courses and credentials are free for all college faculty with Connect access, and students can purchase access directly through Connect.

"AI is most effective in education when applied thoughtfully, transparently and responsibly," said Dr. Dave Duke, Chief Product Officer for Higher Education at McGraw Hill. "At McGraw Hill, we prioritize developing instructor-centric AI tools and resources that help students build understanding and confidence—while always maintaining

the human connection that's essential to teaching and learning.”

For more information about Connect and McGraw Hill's approach to purposeful AI innovation in higher education, visit: <https://www.mheducation.com/about-us/trust-center/our-ai-approach.html>

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