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Verify AI Responses: What Every Graduate Must Check

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Key Points

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AI can be confidently wrong — it generates plausible-sounding answers even when incorrect. This is called hallucination.

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Three-step verification habit: (1) Read the full response, (2) Cross-check key facts against a trusted source, (3) Ask if the answer fits your specific situation.

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Always verify: statistics and numbers, legal or regulatory claims, medical information, historical dates, and any specific names or citations.

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Use AI to verify AI — ask "What sources would confirm this?" or "What could be wrong with this answer?"

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The most dangerous AI outputs are those that are 90% correct. The 10% error is hidden in a sea of accurate information.

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Professional reputation is built on accuracy. One AI-generated error presented as fact can undo months of credibility.

Key Takeaway

AI is a starting point, not a final answer. The professional who verifies will always outperform the one who copies and pastes.

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