

Turnitin: Plagiarism Detection Tool

Today's Agenda

1. Introducing Turnitin
2. Setting up Turnitin for Assignments
3. Viewing the Results as an Instructor
4. Viewing the Results as a Student

Introducing Turnitin

Turnitin detects similarities between student work and:

- Scholarly publications
- Internet archives
- Turnitin's global repository of student papers

It notifies instructors where there are red flags (white text, non-English characters).

It is integrated directly into D2L.

It needs to be activated at the assignment level.

How to Activate Turnitin

1. Go to the assignment in D2L
2. Edit the assignment
3. Select "Evaluation and Feedback"
4. Choose "Manage Turnitin"
5. Check the box to "Enable Similarity Report for this Folder"

Let's practice!

Pick an assignment and choose to edit it.

A new window will open with the following options on the right-hand side:

- Availability Dates & Conditions
- Submission & Completion
- Evaluation & Feedback

Choose "Evaluation & Feedback."

This will cause the "Evaluation & Feedback" tab to open. At the bottom of the tab will be the words "Manage Turnitin." Select those words to continue.

A dialog box will open. At the top are the words "Turnitin Integration."

Under the first heading "Similarity Report," check the box to "Enable Similarity Report for this Folder."

Under the subheading "Display," check the box to "Allow learners to see similarity scores in their submission folder."

At the bottom of the page is a button labeled "More Options." You can choose this to modify the settings for Turnitin.

More Options

What options do we suggest?

When going into “More Options,” we suggest that you:

- Include in student repository
- Compare against the three sources that are already checked
- Generate a report immediately (students can resubmit until due)
- Save settings for future use (if you prefer)

You can also upload a template for the assignment if there is an essay prompt, lab procedures, or other common text that students will include in their assignments.

Turnitin Information for Instructors

Once you have engaged Turnitin, an icon will appear next to the assignment on the Assignments page in D2L. The icon is a graphic of binoculars and a piece of paper.

Instructors can use Turnitin to check for similarities. It provides the percentage similar to published sources. The number needs to be interpreted, it does not stand alone.

Instructors can also use Turnitin to view red flags and review grammar.

In order to view the similarity report, go to the Assignment folder. Next to each submission will be a graphic with a percentage. Click on the graphic to view the similarity report.

Remember that percentages do not tell the whole story. A paper could have only a 5% similarity, but the 5% could be directly copied from another source with no attribution. Similarly, a paper could have a 30% similarity score, but have proper attribution, quotations, and common knowledge. Instructors need to view each similarity report to know for sure.

Student Use of Turnitin

Before submission, students are informed that the assignment is being reviewed by Turnitin.

We recommend allowing students to resubmit their assignments after viewing their report.

This will empower students to improve their academic writing.

Resources

Turnitin has provided a number of resources for instructors and students. Some are specific to using Turnitin with D2L.

[Instructor Resources for D2L and Turnitin](#)

[Student Resources for D2L and Turnitin](#)

[Similarity Report video for instructors](#)

[Understanding the Similarity Report: A Student Guide](#)