

Assignments and Turnitin

Turnitin is a cloud-based solution with capabilities in Similarity checking and online grading using their Similarity Report and Online Grading tools. Turnitin saves instructors time and facilitates personalized feedback for learners.

Similarity Report lets you monitor Assignment submissions and identify potential cases of plagiarism by automatically comparing submissions to an online database of original content. You can then view Similarity Reports which highlight key areas, show a breakdown of matching sources, and provide direct links to the matching content.

You can also take advantage of the integrated Online Grading which lets you add comments, inline text, and highlight sections in file submissions, directly from the Assignments tool. Learners can view Online Grading feedback in User Progress under Assignments, in Grades, in Assignments, in User Progress under Grades, and in Content.

About Turnitin-enabled assignments

Consider the following when creating or editing your Turnitin-enabled assignment:

- When creating a new assignment, the name of the folder in Turnitin truncates after 99 characters, even though the Name field accepts 128 characters.
- When you copy course components from one course to another, confirm that all settings are configured for the Turnitin-enabled assignments in the new course.
- If you want students to see instructions on the Submit Files page, you must enter them into the **Instructions** rich text field in the **Properties** tab. These instructions are automatically transferred into Turnitin. Any instructions you enter in the Properties tab overwrite instructions entered into Turnitin.
- If Online Grading is activated for your org unit, in the **Turnitin** tab, the Online Grading Available to Learners date defaults to the current date and time, plus 7 days. In the **Restrictions** tab, if you select Has End Date, the Online Grading Available to Learners date automatically sets to the end date, plus 1 day. You can change either of these dates if needed.
- If you want to automatically transfer scores as draft to Brightspace, on the **Turnitin Integration** page, select the **Automatically sync grades as Draft in Brightspace** radio button or select the **Manually sync grades as Draft in Brightspace** radio button to make it a manual step.
- If you want students to see the Similarity Score link to Turnitin:

- Your administrator must map their role to the **Learner** IMS role.
- In the **Properties** tab, ensure **Allow learners to see Turnitin similarity scores in their assignment submissions folder** is selected. This option is selected by default.
- In Turnitin, under **Optional Settings**, ensure **Allow learners to view Similarity Reports** is set to **Yes**. This option is set to **Yes** by default.
- In the **Properties** tab, if you select **Allow learners to see Turnitin similarity scores in their assignment**, the equivalent option in Turnitin called **Allow learners to view Similarity Reports?** is automatically set to **Yes**.
- In Turnitin, under **Optional Settings**, **Allow late submissions?** defaults to **Yes**. This means you don't need to change end dates to allow students to submit late assignments.

To enable Turnitin for an assignment

1. Navigate to Assignments.
2. Do one of the following:
 - Click **New Assignment**, and enter the name, grade, date, and instruction information for your assignment.
 - In the assignment you want to update, click **the dropdown next to the assignment > Edit assignment**.
3. Click to expand the **Submissions & Completion** accordion.
4. Under **Allowable File Extensions**, select **Compatible with Turnitin**.
5. Click to expand the **Evaluation & Feedback** tab.
6. Click **Manage Turnitin**.
7. Click **Enable Similarity Report for this folder**.
8. Click **Enable Online Grading for this folder** if you want to use the Turnitin suite of feedback and grading tools.
9. Click **More Options** for a list of additional optional settings.
10. Do any of the following:

- In the **Submission** settings area, indicate where and when assignments can be submitted.
- In the **Compare against** area, indicate the sources against which you want to compare the submissions, including previously-submitted papers, current and archived website content, periodicals, journals, and publications.
- In the **Similarity Report** area, indicate the timing of generating similarity reports, and the type of submission content you want to exclude (such as bibliography, quoted materials, and small sources).
- In the **Exclude assignment template** area, you can upload or create a template of text that is automatically excluded from the similarity report.
- In the **Additional settings** area, you can indicate if you want to save the settings you have chosen in the **More Options** dialog for future use.

11. Click **Submit**.

12. Click **Save**.

13. Review your assignment details, change the visibility if desired, and click **Save and Close**.

Your assignment appears in Content and the Assignments tool as Turnitin enabled.

About submission types

Four submission types are available to teachers when creating assignments to allow evaluation of many different tasks.

- File submission: students upload and submit a file to the assignment.
- Text submission: students post text, image, or a link to their work in a text box within the assignment.
- On paper submission: students submit a physical copy of their assignment directly to their teacher. No file upload is required to complete the assignment.
- Observed in person: allows teachers to observe students as they perform tasks, such as in-class presentations, and evaluate them using Assignments. No file upload is required to complete the assignment.

On paper submissions and Observed in person assignments include additional completion options as no submissions are made by students in Brightspace. These submission types can be marked as completed manually by students, automatically on evaluation, or

automatically on due date. Teachers select their completion option when creating assignments.

About Turnitin-enabled group assignments

Consider the following when creating or editing your Turnitin-enabled group assignment:

- In Turnitin, under **Optional Settings, Allow late submissions?** defaults to **Yes**. This means you don't need to change end dates to allow students to submit late assignments.

Exempt individual users from Turnitin

To exempt individual users from Turnitin, your administrator must enable Turnitin for the Assignments tool for your organization or your course. Turnitin exemptions apply to all assignments within a course.

1. On the **Assignments** page, from the **More Actions** context menu, select **Manage Preference for Turnitin®**.
2. The **Manage Preference for Turnitin®** page displays where you can select individual users to be exempt from Turnitin using the toggles. An X on the toggle means that the student's submissions are exempted from Turnitin. A checkmark on the toggle means that the student's submissions will be checked by Turnitin.

Understanding date restrictions

Quiz restrictions allow teachers to set start dates, due dates, and end dates on their quizzes. The start date determines when a quiz becomes available to students. The end date determines when a quiz becomes unavailable to students. The due date specifies a time when a quiz is expected to be completed. A quiz is considered late if it is submitted after the due date is reached. If a quiz has an enforced time limit and the student uses more than the allotted time, the quiz is marked as **exceeded time limit**.

In some cases, the terminology used in Turnitin is not the same as what is used in Brightspace. This list ensures that the date definitions are clearly mapped to mitigate any misunderstandings.

Start Date:

In Brightspace, the Start Date indicates the day when students can begin submitting their work. If it is not set, the course start date or current date and time is used.

In Turnitin, the Start Date indicates the day when students can begin submitting their work.

Due Date:

In Brightspace, the Due Date indicate the day when an assignment is officially due. If it is not set, the course end date or current date plus 6 months is used.

In Turnitin, the Due Date indicates also indicated when an assignment is officially due. The Due Date in Turnitin enables automated collusion checking used for the **Generate reports on the due date** option. The Due Date setting supports the **Allow late submissions** option.

End Date:

In Brightspace, the End date indicates the end of a course when assignment submissions are no longer allowed.

Turnitin honors the End Date provided by Brightspace.

Grade Visibility Date:

In Brightspace, the Grade Visibility Date indicates the date when scores and feedback are available in Grade book. If it is not set, the Due Date plus 6 months is used.

In Turnitin, the Grade Visibility Date also indicates the date when scores and feedback are available to students.

Viewing Turnitin Similarity Reports

You can view Similarity Reports from the Submissions page. When a report is available, the status changes from **In-Progress** to a percentage rating, which indicates the level of matching content.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Submission(s)	Turnitin Similarity Report	Turnitin Online Grading	Submission Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	William Shakespeare Essay.pdf (379.29 KB)	100 %	No Score	14 March 2023 8:54 AM

A lower percentage rating indicates that the content is likely original and has not been copied; a higher percentage rating indicates the content is likely not original and has been copied from another source.

The percentage ranges are associated with colors:

- **Blue** ≥ 0 and $< 20\%$
- **Green** ≥ 20 and $< 40\%$
- **Yellow** ≥ 40 and $< 60\%$
- **Orange** ≥ 60 and $< 80\%$
- **Red** ≥ 80 and $\leq 100\%$

Click the colored section beside the percentage rating to view the associated Similarity Report. The Similarity Report is comprised of two panes. The right pane lists all of the matching sources, including the percentage of text that matches and a link to the online content. The left pane displays the submission text using colored highlights to draw attention to the matching content.