

Using Turnitin Feedback Studio

The newest version of Turnitin is called Feedback Studio. Watch the [Turnitin Classic vs Feedback Studio](#) video to see the changes to the user interface.

The purpose of Turnitin Feedback Studio is to flag potential instances of plagiarism or incorrectly cited content. Instructors should not only look at the Similarity Index score percentage. It is up to the course instructor to review the flags in the Turnitin Originality Report and determine if plagiarism has actually occurred.

There are two options for setting up an assignment using Turnitin.

Option 1: Set Up Draft Assignment + Final Assignment

In this option, students are allowed to submit the draft assignment only for the purpose of getting a Turnitin Similarity Report. The draft assignment can be set up to be worth a few points or none. Set the assignment settings to not store the draft submissions in the Turnitin database. After submitting the draft, students view their Similarity Report, make edits, and then submit their final assignment to the separate final assignment in Canvas. The final assignment is set up to be submitted through Turnitin and stored in its database.

Advantages: Students will not have to wait up to 24 hours to receive a Similarity Report for a resubmitted assignment. The Similarity Report for the final assignment will not show a score of 100% similarity because it isn't being compared to a previous submission by that student.

Option 2: Set Up One Assignment

In this option, students submit their assignment in Canvas, view the Similarity Report, make edits and resubmit the assignment if necessary. The assignment settings are set to store initial submission and resubmissions in the Turnitin database.

Disadvantages: Students may have to wait up to 24 hours after resubmitting to receive the Originality report. The Similarity Report may show a similarity score of 100% because the resubmission is compared to this student's original submission. The report will show that it was submitted by a Samuel Merritt student, but not which student. This could mean that two students submitted the same paper. The Similarity Report will need to be closely examined to determine if plagiarism is present.

Setting Up a Turnitin Assignment

NOTE: For MSN Online assignments, ask the course lead to submit a CDR form. Do not change assignment settings yourself.

1. Add a Canvas rubric to the assignment before setting up for Turnitin because this option will not appear later.
2. Set up an assignment to use the Turnitin LTI (External Tool).
 - [How do I create a Turnitin assignment?](#)
 - [How to specify Turnitin assignment settings](#)
 - [How to Set Up a Turnitin Assignment](#) (video)
3. Download the document [Turnitin Student Assignment Instructions](#).
4. Either upload the document to your course files or create a page in your Canvas course and copy and paste the text from the document into the page.
5. In the body of the assignment, provide these instructions: “Follow the **Turnitin Student Assignment Instructions** for writing, submitting, and viewing your Turnitin results to detect originality and potential plagiarism.” You should hyperlink the words in bold to the instructions, located either in the Canvas page you created or the file you uploaded.

Viewing the Student Turnitin Similarity Report and Grading Assignments

Review the [Plagiarism Spectrum](#) to learn of common types of plagiarism that may be flagged in the Turnitin Similarity Report. Instructors need to review each of the flags to see if they are acceptable instances rather than simply relying on the similarity score to judge the originality of a paper.

Turnitin indicates that research papers may have a higher score because information is included from many sources. A similarity score of 100% may result if the student submits the paper more than once. However, the report will only show that it was submitted by a Samuel Merritt student, but not which student. This could mean that two students submitted the same paper. See [Interpreting the Similarity Report](#) for more information.

Follow these steps to view a Similarity Report and grade an assignment:

1. From the Assignments page in Canvas, select the title of the assignment you want to grade. **NOTE:** View the student Similarity Report from the assignment instead of from the Gradebook or Speedgrader to avoid possibly getting an error message.
2. Click on “Load assignment in a new window.”

3. Click on the % icon next to a student submission to view the Similarity Report. If a grey clock icon appears here instead, call Canvas Support Line 888-233-7764 to investigate. Students may not see this clock icon on their report.
4. View the Similarity score and details. Review the flags in the paper to determine originality and proper citations.
5. Add GradeMark and audio comments to the paper if desired.
6. Enter the assignment score in the upper right of the Turnitin screen OR enter the grade directly into the Gradebook. If using Speedgrader, indicate to students whether they should view comments in Turnitin.

For more information:

[Managing Turnitin Assignments in Canvas](#)

[Viewing the Similarity Report \(video\)](#)