Using Turnitin in Blackboard

Turnitin can provide information about matches to words and passages from billions of webpages, a variety of periodicals, journals, and publications, and also student papers previously submitted to Turnitin. Turnitin includes an online paper grading feature and a peer review feature. To utilize Turnitin in your Blackboard course, follow the steps below.

CREATING A TURNITIN ASSIGNMENT

1. Open the Blackboard course in which you wish to use Turnitin.
2. Create or open a Content Area where students will access the Turnitin Assignment. You have the option to create a content area just for Turnitin assignments or to add a Turnitin assignment to a content area with additional course resources.

3. Click on the Assessments button at the top of the Content Area.
4. Select Turnitin Assignment.

Note: The first time you access Turnitin you may be required to respond to an agreement regarding the use of Turnitin.
5. In the Select your assignment type box select Paper Assignment.
6. After creating one Turnitin assignment in a course you will have options that include PeerMark Assignment and Revision Assignment. You can choose Revision Assignment if the assignment is a revision of a paper submitted to Turnitin previously, and you do not want the new version checked for matches with the previous submission.

7. Click on Next Step.
8. Enter a title for the assignment in the **Assignment title** field. You have the option to add points for the assignment. Adding points can be helpful if you will be using the grading feature for grading the paper online.

9. In the **Start date** field, click the dropdown arrows and select the date and time you would like the assignment to first be available.

10. In the **Due date** field, click the dropdown arrows and select the date and time the assignment is due.

11. In the **Post date** field, click the dropdown arrows and select a date and time after the due date. The post date can determine when students see their originality reports, grades and comments from the Turnitin grading feature.

12. Click on **Optional settings**.
13. Select the options you will use for this assignment. If you plan to use the PeerMark feature for peer reviews, check **No** for “Allow submissions after the due date?” Under “Generate Originality Reports for student submissions” the choice “immediately (can overwrite reports until due date)” will allow those students who complete assignments early to view the report and make revisions until the assignment is due.

Select **Yes** under “Allow students to see Originality Report” unless there is a reason for the students not to view the matches between their papers and the Turnitin database.
You can choose whether you want the papers submitted for your assignment to be added to the Turnitin database under “Submit papers to”. You can also choose which parts of the Turnitin database you would like your student papers compared with for matches under “Search Options”. You have the option to create or choose a rubric (criteria for grading assignments) under the heading GradeMark. You will be able to select grammar checking settings if you plan to use Turnitin to grade student submissions.

14. You can check the box at the bottom of the Options list to save these options for future assignments. Click on the Submit button.
15. Creating a Turnitin assignment will automatically create a grading column in the Blackboard Grade Center.
16. Click on OK when you see the “Turnitin Assignment successfully added” message.
ACCESSING STUDENT SUBMISSIONS TO TURNITIN

1. Go to the menu on the left side of your course and open the Course Tools area under Course Management.

2. Click on Turnitin Assignments.

3. Click on the title of the assignment to view student submissions in the Turnitin Inbox.
The Story of Loch Ness

Loch Ness is a large, deep, freshwater loch in the Scottish Highlands extending for approximately 37 kilometres (23 miles) southwest of Inverness. Its surface is 16 metres (52 feet) above sea level. Loch Ness is best known for alleged sightings of the cryptozoological Loch Ness Monster, also known affectionately as “Nessie”. It is connected at the southern end by the River Oich and a section of the Caledonian Canal to Loch Oich. At the northern end there is the Bona Narrows which opens out into Loch Dochfour, which feeds the River Ness and a further section of canal to Inverness. It is one of a series of interconnected, murky bodies of water in Scotland; its water visibility is exceptionally low due to a high peat content in the surrounding soil.

The Loch Ness monster is a creature said to live in Loch Ness in the Highlands of Scotland. A monk was the first person who claimed to have seen Nessie in the seventh century. The first photograph was taken in 1933 but the scientific community has never confirmed the Loch Ness monster’s existence.

The first recorded sighting of the monster was in 565 AD, when it was said to have snatched up and eaten a local farmer, before being forced back into the waters by St Columba.
killed another man.

In 1933, construction began on the A82 – the road that shore of the Loch. The work involved considerable drilling and that the disruption forced the monster from the depths and in time, there were numerous independent sightings and, in 1934, London surgeon R. K.

3. To add assessment comments to the paper, click in the paper where you would like the comment to appear and enter the comment.
4. You can highlight text in the paper, type a comment, and select a color for the highlighted text.

5. You can save comments or highlighted comments that you expect to use frequently as QuickMarks. Click on Convert to QuickMark, give the QuickMark a title and save the comment. The comment will appear in a panel on the right, accessed through the blue check mark icon, and can be dragged to future student assignments as needed along with sets of QuickMarks that are available by default in Turnitin. View additional QuickMarks sets by clicking on Commonly Used.
6. To edit or delete a comment, click on the comment icon and either edit your
comment or click on the **trashcan** icon to delete it.

7. Audio comments and extensive text comments can be added to the submission by clicking on the blue pencil and paper icon on the right of the screen.

![Voice Comment](image1)

8. Student papers can be graded in Feedback Studio and the grades will display in the Blackboard Grade Center as well as in the Turnitin Inbox. Click on the dashes at the top right side of Feedback Studio and enter the grade for the paper. Notice that you will see the maximum points for the assignment if possible points was entered when the assignment was created.

9. If a rubric is connected to the assignment, it can be accessed by clicking on the blue table icon in the right panel.

![Text Comment](image2)

10. Instructors with iPads can grade student papers on their iPad by downloading the Turnitin app and then generating a code through the gray information button located at the right of the screen.

![Download Button](image3)

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USING TURNITIN FOR PEER REVIEWS

1. PeerMark allows students to conduct peer reviews of papers submitted by other students in the class. A Paper Assignment must be created first before the students can conduct peer reviews of papers from other students. A Paper Assignment must be created where the students will submit papers to be reviewed before setting up a PeerMark Assignment.

2. Click on the Assessment link in a content area and select Turnitin Assignment.

3. Select **PeerMark Assignment** from the “Select your assignment type” box and click on **Next Step**.
4. Choose the assignment submitted to Turnitin that will be reviewed.
5. You may allow late submissions to be included in the pool of papers distributed for peer review. Please note though that if a student submits late to the base assignment they may not receive a paper to review or other students may not receive their paper. 
6. You may give the assignment a title and add instructions for students. You also have the options to choose to allow students to view the names of students who wrote or reviewed papers, and to allow students who do not submit an assignment to review assignments.

7. You may add a point value to the assignment, and you have the option to award full points to any student that writes a review.
8. Give your peer review assignment a start and end date.
9. Click on **Save & Continue**
10. Next, you will choose how the papers will be selected for review. The default is for each student to review one paper. Select **Edit** if you want students to review more papers or would like them to conduct a self-review. If you made changes in this area, click **Save**. Once you are finished, click **Save & Continue**.
11. Click on **Add Question** to have the students give written free responses, Or use a scale for their review. You can create libraries of questions that can be reused by clicking on **Save to library** after creating a question for peer review. Click on **Save & Finish**.

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SYLLABUS STATEMENT

On the advice of University Counsel, the paragraph below should be included in the syllabus of courses where Turnitin will be used.

Statement

The University of Alabama is committed to helping students uphold the ethical standards of academic integrity in all areas of study. Students agree that their enrollment in this course allows the instructor the right to use electronic devices to help prevent plagiarism. All course materials are subject to submission to Turnitin.com for the purpose of detecting textual similarities. Assignments submitted to Turnitin.com will be included as source documents in Turnitin.com’s restricted access database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism in such documents. Turnitin.com will be used as a source document to help students avoid plagiarism in written documents.

Contact the FRC at frc@ua.edu for an electronic copy of this syllabus statement. For further opportunities to learn instructional technologies at The University of Alabama, contact the Faculty Resource Center at 348-3532 or frc@ua.edu. Visit the Faculty Resource Center at http://frc.ua.edu

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