How do I submit a Turnitin assignment?

Turnitin is a tool that estimates the originality of written work. The tool generates a “similarity report” by comparing an uploaded paper to a database of web pages, articles, books, and other uploaded files. When similarities exist, the tool highlights sections of the uploaded paper and displays the original source.

You can submit a Turnitin assignment the same way you submit a normal assignment.

1. Navigate to the Turnitin assignment you would like to submit and click "Submit Assignment" in the top right hand corner.
2. You can select "File Upload" or "Text Entry" depending on what the instructor has allowed. Choose the file you would like to upload or enter text in the box provided.
3. A Turnitin assignment will have a check box that indicates the assignment will be run through the Turnitin framework. You must acknowledge the statement by selecting the box.
4. Once the box is checked, you can click "Submit Assignment".

Find out how to access your similarity report!

How to identify if your assignment will be run through Turnitin

The only indicator that your assignment submission will be run through Turnitin is a checkbox acknowledgment that is presented at the time of submission.

Students must check this box in order to submit the assignment, however, this is not an acceptance of the Turnitin End User License Agreement (EULA). Students are not required to accept the EULA in order to submit. However, their submission will still be run through Turnitin and a similarity report will still be generated for the instructor to view.

Below is the language presented prior to submission of an assignment in Canvas.

By checking this box, you acknowledge that:

- Your paper will be shared with Turnitin to generate a similarity report, which your instructor and/or you can view to help you use sources more effectively in your writing.
- Your paper may be stored for comparison against future papers submitted at Yale. Your paper will not be stored as part of the larger Turnitin student database and so will not be used to check the originality of papers submitted at other universities. Turnitin does not acquire any rights to your paper.

- When you first attempt to view your similarity report, you will be prompted to accept the Turnitin End User License Agreement (EULA). This agreement is between you, the individual user (not the university), and Turnitin, LLC, the company that licenses the tool to the university for integration through Canvas. Please read the entire Turnitin EULA carefully.

- If you choose NOT to accept the Turnitin EULA, you will not be able to view the similarity report; however, your course instructor will still be able to view the report.

Please review the available resources on writing from the Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning, the Turnitin Assignment Setting Options, and speak to your instructor if you have any questions or concerns.

If you would like further information, please contact the Poorvu Center at askpoorvucenter@yale.edu.
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