

TURNITIN.COM AT OU

The University of Oklahoma subscribes to the digital plagiarism detection service Turnitin.com. Faculty users have found the program and its generated originality reports to be effective both in determining appropriate use of sources in student papers and in deterring plagiarism. Be aware: Although a valuable tool, Turnitin reports are no substitute for your own experience in assessing the significance of unoriginal passages in student work.

D2L now has the capability of running Dropbox submissions through the plagiarism detection module at Turnitin. To use Turnitin via D2L, simply check the box that says “Enable this folder” in the Plagiarism Detection section of the folder properties. (Be aware that once plagiarism detection is enabled, you cannot turn it off without deleting the folder. Also, enabling plagiarism detection means date restrictions on an assignment cannot be turned off, only altered. Both of these usability issues have been turned in to D2L.)

NEW FOR 2011-2012: Turnitin now includes a feature called “Grademark” that permits instructors to add comments to papers online.

Further instructions on how to make effective use of Turnitin’s integration with D2L and Grademark can be found in the “Instructor and Student Help Articles” in D2L. They can be located under the “Need Help” tab on your D2L log in page.

You may still utilize the services of Turnitin outside D2L by accessing their website, www.turnitin.com. If you have not already received it, you can get login and password information to access the website from your college representative. You can learn how to use the program by referring to the instructional materials and tutorials offered by Turnitin or by contacting your college representative.

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Additional Information

If you feel comfortable working with this web-based program without an orientation or tutorial, you can follow the instructions below. If you need personal instruction or coaching, request this from your college representative.

For more information on issuing a warning or “admonition” for student plagiarism or filing a report of a violation of the Academic Integrity Code, see the form and instructions available at <http://integrity.ou.edu>.

Please inform students in advance that you might run checks using TII in order for the process to run smoothly and fairly. If you plan to use the program, a syllabus statement is most helpful.

In addition to the plagiarism detection service, OU also subscribes to the Grademark and Peermark tools offered by TII. GradeMark is a paperless grading tool that allows instructor to read, markup, and leave feedback on student papers within the D2L dropbox. For more information on how to use these services, further instructions can be found in the “Instructor and Student Help Articles” in D2L. They can be located by hitting the “Need Help” tab on your D2L log in page.

Getting Started with the Turnitin.com website

Start at the main page of Turnitin.com. The OU account password is required (just once) for you to set up your account. Contact your college representative for your account activation username and password. You must work through three levels before submitting a paper: join an account, set up a class (or classes), and create an assignment.

Select NEW USER (upper right)

1. Create a user profile. For these 5 steps, enter your own information. You can use your OU Outlook e-mail address and password so it will be easy to remember. On the 5th screen, click the link for "start class setup wizard."
2. On "class setup wizard" step 1, enter the Account ID and Account Join Password you received from your college representative.
3. Continue with steps 2 through 4 to define your class and assignment.
4. On the "Class setup wizard (finish)" page, read and print the instructions for submitting student papers.
5. Click "end wizard and go to login page" or go to Turnitin.com.
6. Enter your e-mail address and password in the space provided in the top right-hand corner of the page.
7. Click on your class name.
8. Click the submit icon to submit your students' work.
9. Click the "Browse" button to upload a single file, or use the other options in the "Submit a paper by:" drop-down menu.
10. Your report(s) will be available in the assignment inbox, typically within a few hours.

Turnitin permits other options as well, including adding TA’s as additional instructors, creating multiple sections of the same class, and allowing students to upload their own work.

For detailed information on using Turnitin.com, download the Instructor User Guide or view “How to” tutorials at <https://www.turnitin.com/static/training/instructor.php>.