Turnitin is originality checking software that searches student papers for similarity to other student papers, journal articles, and a wide variety of materials on the web. Turnitin then generates an Originality Report that can be used for similarity assessment, source checking, and plagiarism detection. It should be noted that "similar" does not automatically mean "plagiarized", and that the instructor must carefully examine these similarities to determine if an academic honesty policy violation has taken place.

**NOTE:** Turnitin is integrated into Blackboard, and grades may be entered in either Blackboard or from within the Turnitin interface, depending upon instructor preference.

**CREATING A TURNITIN ASSIGNMENT**

1. From within Blackboard select the content area **Assignments**.

2. Click the double down arrows on the **Assessments** button and select **Turnitin Assignment** from the drop-down list.
3. The following user agreement will pop-up the first time an assessment is created. Click the I Agree – Continue button.

NOTE: This prompt will only appear once when creating the first assignment.

4. Fill out the Assignment Title dialog box and select a Start Date, Due Date, and Post Date. Click Submit when completed.
5. The following dialogue will be displayed if the assignment has been added. Click OK.

**Add Turnitin Assignment**

Turnitin Assignment successfully added.

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OK

**VIEWING A TURNITIN ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION**

1. Scroll down to Course Management and select the double drop down arrows on the Grade Center button. Select Full Grade Center.

2. Scroll across to the assignment. Click the double drop down arrow in the Blank Box under the assignment then select Attempt.

3. Select the Blue Globe next to Originality Report and a new tab will open.
4. On the top left of the screen, ensure that **Originality** is selected from the three options.

5. On the right of the screen select the **All Sources** button furthest to the right.

6. You may now examine the student paper for originality by comparing the matching parts of the student paper against the matches that Turnitin has detected from other sources.

**NOTE:** This example returns a 100% match with a paper submitted to Missouri University of Science & Technology, because this example is a previously submitted student paper.
GRADING A TURNITIN ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION WITHIN BLACKBOARD

1. Scroll down to Course Management and select the double drop down arrows on the Grade Center button. Select Full Grade Center.

2. Scroll through the titles to find the assignment needing to be graded. Put cursor in the white space to the right of the yellow exclamation mark and click in the Empty Space.

3. Type in the points awarded out of the points possible into the Dialogue Box then press ENTER on the keyboard to add the grade.

4. The grade has been added successfully if the dialogue box returns to white.
GRADING A TURNITIN ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION WITHIN TURNITIN

1. Follow steps 1 through 3 of “Viewing a Turnitin Assignment” until you get to a screen similar to the one below.

2. In the top right corner, click in the area -- Out of 100. It will turn into a dialogue box to enter a grade into.

3. Type in the points awarded out of the points possible and press ENTER on the keyboard.

4. If the grade has been successfully added, then the box will return to grey.

NOTE: A grade entered from within the Turnitin interface will automatically appear in the Blackboard Grade Center column associated with the Turnitin Assignment.