

Creating a Turnitin 3 Assignment

Turnitin

Turnitin is a cloud-based service that checks for originality of a paper.

How it works—Turnitin compares the submitted text to their database and gives an originality or similarity score.

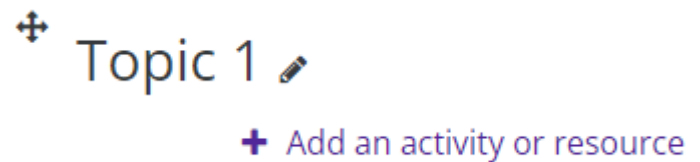
Setting Up a Turnitin Assignment

To add a Turnitin Assignment:

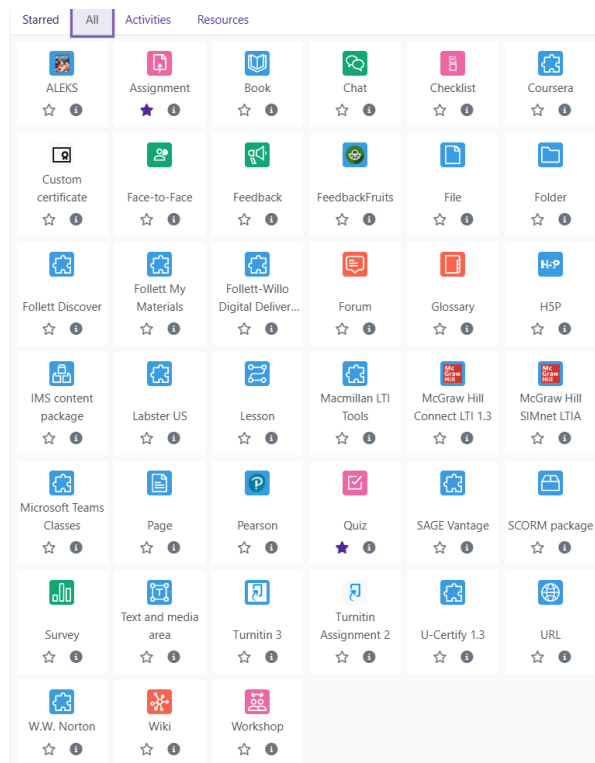
Log in to Moodle and navigate to the course.

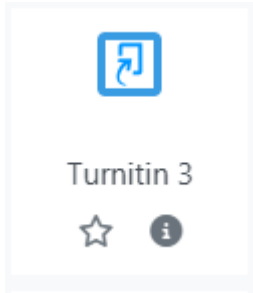
Turn editing on.

Within a topic, click on add an activity or resources.



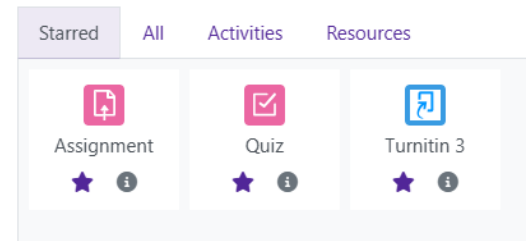
The **Add an activity or resource** picker will open.





Notice the icons below Turnitin. The star icon will allow instructors to “star” an activity or resource that is used most frequently.

The activity or resource picker also allows toggling between Starred, All, Activities, and Resources.



Choose **Turnitin 3**.

Moodle will open the “Adding a new External Tool” page.

Click on **Select Content**.

Adding a new External tool

General

Content

Activity name

Select content

☒ Display activity name when students access the tool

A window will pop up on your screen taking you to the Turnitin system.

Enter the title for the assignment and any instructions that you want to give to the students.

Max Grade: The maximum points the students can earn on the assignment. This is also posted in the Gradebook Setup area.

Start Date: The earliest date students can submit.

Due Date: The deadline. If you enable late submissions any late submissions will appear in red.

Feedback Release Date: The date that grades and feedback are returned to students and will appear in the Moodle gradebook.

Click on the **Optional Settings** area to change other settings for the assignment.

Select content

☒ Copy assignment(s) from previously created assignments

Title
Assignment Title

Instructions
Assignment Instructions

Max Grade
100

Start Date
2025-07-29 11:25 CDT

Due Date
2025-08-05 11:25 CDT

Feedback Release Date
2025-08-05 11:25 CDT

☐ Enable PeerMark

Optional Settings

Submission Settings

Submit Papers to: Select whether you want the paper stored as part of Turnitin's paper repository.

Allow Submission of Any File Type: If checked, the system will allow a student to upload ANY file type. It will not limit to usual standard types.

Allow Late Submissions: If checked, you allow students to submit after the due date has passed.

Attach a rubric: If checked, you will select a pre-formatted rubric or click **Launch Rubric Manager** and create a rubric for the assignment.

Submission settings

Submit papers to

Standard paper repository

☐ Allow submission of any file type

☐ Allow late submissions

☐ Attach a rubric

Similarity Report Settings

Generate Similarity Reports for Student Submission: If checked, you will select when the report will be generated.

Allow students to view Similarity Reports: If checked, this will allow students to see the reports.

Exclude Bibliographic Materials: If checked, you will exclude bibliography information from the similarity report.

Exclude Quoted Materials: If checked, you will exclude quoted material from the report.

Exclude Small Sources: If checked, you will determine the number of words or percentage from a source that will need to be used in the paper to count in the similarity report.

☒ Generate Similarity Reports for student submission

Generate reports immediately (students cannot resubmit)

☐ Allow students to view Similarity Reports

☐ Exclude bibliographic materials

☐ Exclude quoted materials

☐ Exclude small sources

Comparing Against Settings

You will check which items to compare the student's submitted work against:

- Turnitin's Repository
- Web site content
- Periodicals, journals, and publications.

Compare against

- ☒ Student paper repository
- ☒ Current and archived web site content
- ☒ Periodicals, journals and publications

Exclude Assignment Template

If you are requiring students to enter information onto a template and upload that template into Turnitin, you can upload a blank version of the template so Turnitin will not count that information as part of the similarity report.

Exclude assignment template

Upload or create a template of text to be automatically excluded from the Similarity Report.

[Upload Template](#)

[Create Custom Template](#)

Note: Once a submission has been made to the assignment, templates can no longer be added or edited.

[Template Requirements](#) ^

Once all of the settings have been prepared, click Submit.

You will then be taken back into Moodle where you can scroll down to the bottom and click **Save and Return to Course** to save the assignment.

Submit

