

You can enable *Turnitin* for written assignments to receive similarity reports on submitted papers. *Turnitin* compares submitted papers, for matching content, to internet sources, academic sources, and papers previously submitted to Turnitin. Instructors and learners can access the result of these comparisons in the form of *similarity reports* for each submission to any Turnitin-enabled assignment.

Enabling Turnitin

Turnitin can be enabled when the assignment is being created or after it is created in the *Edit Folder* page.

1. On the right side of the *New/Edit Folder* page, click the *Evaluation & Feedback* widget.



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2. Scroll down to Turnitin options and click the *Manage Turnitin* link.

The Turnitin Integration popup window will open.

Turnitin Integration

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Manage Turnitin

- 3. Check the Enable Similarity Report for this folder option.
- 4. Decide whether to Allow learners to see similarity scores in their submission folder or not and treat this option accordingly.

BVC experience shows that allowing learners to see similarity scores shifts their focus from quality of their work to an acceptable score.



5. Be sure the Automatic similarity checking on all submissions option is selected.





Online Grading feature of Turnitin is not encouraged or supported at BVC; therefore, options related to this setting can be left un-checked as default.

- 6. Click the *Save* button.
- 7. Save and Close the New/Edit Folder page.

In the list of *Dropbox/Assignment Folders*, this icon in front of an assignment folder name indicates that *Turnitin* is enabled for that assignment.

Accessing Similarity Reports

Once a learner submits a written assignment, it takes a few minutes for the similarity report to be generated. During this time, you'll see the report status as *In Progress*.

Once the report is generated, you can access it by clicking on the *Turnitin Similarity* icon in the submission table, or the *Evaluate Submission* page for each learner's submission.



Similarity reports will open in a new tab on your browser. You can click on the similarity score on the right side of the report to view a breakdown of the similarities. Refer to the <u>Turnitin - Interpret Similarity Reports</u> document for more details on understanding the details provided in the reports







Turnitin is a third-party software that is integrated into the Brightspace. At BVC we use Turnitin to <u>only view the similarity reports</u>. For consistency, it is important that you provide feedback on the assignments and evaluate them using the Brightspace Assignment tool.

Multiple submissions

You – the instructor – can set the assignment dropbox to accept multiple submissions. Whether you review and provide feedback on each submission or not, a similarity report will be generated for each submission.

Learners Accessing Similarity Report

If you have enabled the learners' view of similarity reports (step 4 in Enabling Turnitin above) learners can access this report from the *Submission History* page a few minutes after they have submitted their assignment – even before you evaluate and provide feedback. To access similarity reports, learners need to:

- 1. Navigate to Assessments > Dropbox from the navbar.
- 2. In the list of their assignments, click on the *Submissions* number in front of the assignment with the Turnitin icon.



3. In the *Submission History* page that opens, click on the report icon in front of each submission to see its similarity report.