

Using the Turnitin Tool in Blackboard Vista

Note: In order to be FERPA compliant, have students strip their personal information (e.g., name, email address, etc.) before submitting a paper to Turnitin. If you as instructor will be submitting students' papers to Turnitin, you must also strip students's personal information to be FERPA compliant.

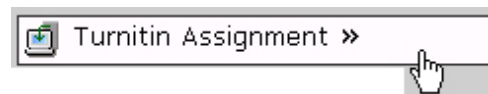
1. How to create an assignment in Vista with the Turnitin plug-in

You will use Turnitin as a plug-in within Vista. Using this plug-in tool eliminates the need for having two separate web sessions for accessing Vista and Turnitin, and makes using Turnitin easier for both instructors and students.

1. In your Vista section, from the **Build** tab and **Basic** view, click **Add Content Item**. (The **Add Content Item** appears at the top of your home page an inside any folders you create.)



2. Click the **Turnitin Assignment** link.



3. Unless you already have a Turnitin Assignment created, click on the **Create Turnitin Assignment** button.



4. Give your Turnitin assignment an appropriate title and click on the **Create Turnitin Assignment** button.

5. This will create a connection to the Turnitin service where you will need to configure the assignment as illustrated below.

Create Turnitin Assignment

* Title:

Create Turnitin Assignment **Cancel**

* Required field

Note: You must create a separate assignment link for each written assignment that uses Turnitin. When students click on the assignment link, they can access Turnitin only for that particular assignment. They will not be able to access a central assignment inbox with all of their Turnitin assignments in all of their classes.

2. Configuring Your Turnitin Assignment

create a new: **1**

assignment title: **2**

point value:

start date: Feb 3 2008 at 4 : 54 PM

due date: Feb 10 2008 at 11 : 59 PM **3**

post date: Feb 11 2008 at 12 : 00 AM

NOTE: In Vista/CE6, the post date relates to the availability of GradeMark papers only and has no bearing on when grades are posted to the Vista/CE6 Gradebook.


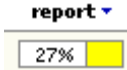
enter special instructions (optional):

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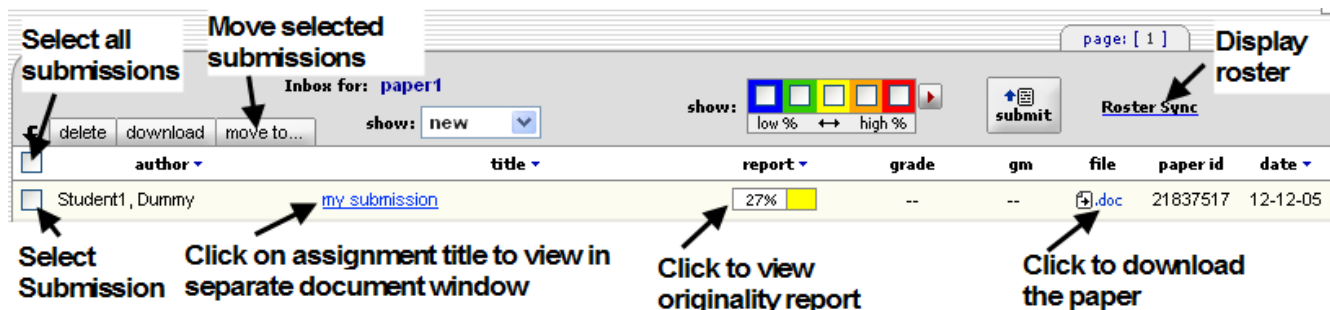
1. Choose the assignment type (generally, you will want to leave this as the default “paper assignment”).
2. Repeat your assignment title.
3. Set your assignment beginning and end dates. **Note:** “post date” does not apply to how Turnitin is implemented at Purdue in Blackboard Vista. You may set it for the same date as the “due date”.
4. Fill in any special instructions you wish to deliver to your students.
5. Leave the option to “generate originality reports” set to **Yes**.
6. The default here is **No**. If you change to Yes, the lower box of options will appear.
7. These options are largely up to you. We recommend that the last option, **Allow other papers to be checked against submissions?**, be set to **Yes**; otherwise, you may miss plagiarism taking place within your group of students.
8. Generally, you will want to choose all three of these options to do the widest possible scan.

When you are finished configuring your settings, click **Submit** in the upper right corner.

3. How to Check for Turnitin Originality Reports

1. Login to your section in Vista and go to the **Teach** tab.
2. Click on the Turnitin assignment for which you wish to view originality reports.
3. Make sure the **assignment inbox** is highlighted.
 
4. Click on the colored icon under the **report** header to view the originality report for a particular student.
 

The Turnitin Interface:



The screenshot shows the Turnitin interface with several annotations:

- Select all submissions:** Points to the checkbox in the top left.
- Move selected submissions:** Points to the 'Inbox for: paper1' header.
- Select Submission:** Points to the checkbox for the first student.
- Click on assignment title to view in separate document window:** Points to the 'my submission' link.
- Click to view originality report:** Points to the yellow 27% icon in the report column.
- Click to download the paper:** Points to the document icon in the file column.
- Display roster:** Points to the 'Roster Sync' button.

author	title	report	grade	gm	file	paper id	date
Student1, Dummy	my submission	27%	--	--	.doc	21837517	12-12-05

To view the submission inside Turnitin, click on the Assignment title to the right of the student's name. This opens a popup window with the text of the assignment:

Turnitin Paper ◀previous next▶

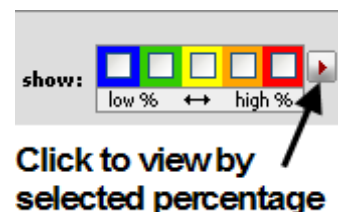
"my paper for assignment 1" by Student2, Dummy

Submitted on 12-12-05 12:39 PM PST ID: 21841334 Word Count: 43

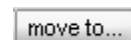
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Also visible are the submission date and time, and the word count.

You can view all reports of a certain matching text percentage by clicking one or more checkboxes in the multi-colored box and then clicking the red view icon to the right. To see all reports again, select all checkboxes and click the view icon.



Once submissions have been viewed or graded you can select them and click the *move to* button. In the following screen, select the folder you want the selected assignments to appear in.



move paper(s) submit ▶

destination folder: new papers ▼

destination assignment: new papers
viewed papers
marked papers

Once assignments have been moved to the desired folders, you can select which folders to view by selecting from the *show* pull-down list. To see all assignments, select *all*.



Note: Be aware that if you want to use the Vista Assignment Tool for an assignment, in addition to anti-plagiarism scanning, you will either have to upload papers to Turnitin yourself or have your students upload their papers separately to both Vista tools: a Turnitin assignment and the Vista Assignments tool.