

Student Guide: How to View & Interpret Results

What is Turnitin?

Turnitin is a service that is deeply integrated in Canvas. Turnitin is a tool to prevent plagiarism and provide feedback to students and the instructor. Turnitin ensures original work by checking submitted papers against 14 billion web pages, 150 million student papers and leading library databases and publications. Over 50 percent of plagiarism comes from other student's work. Turnitin compares submitted papers to a database of over 150 million papers in the Turnitin paper database. Each day, the Turnitin student database grows by 150,000 papers.

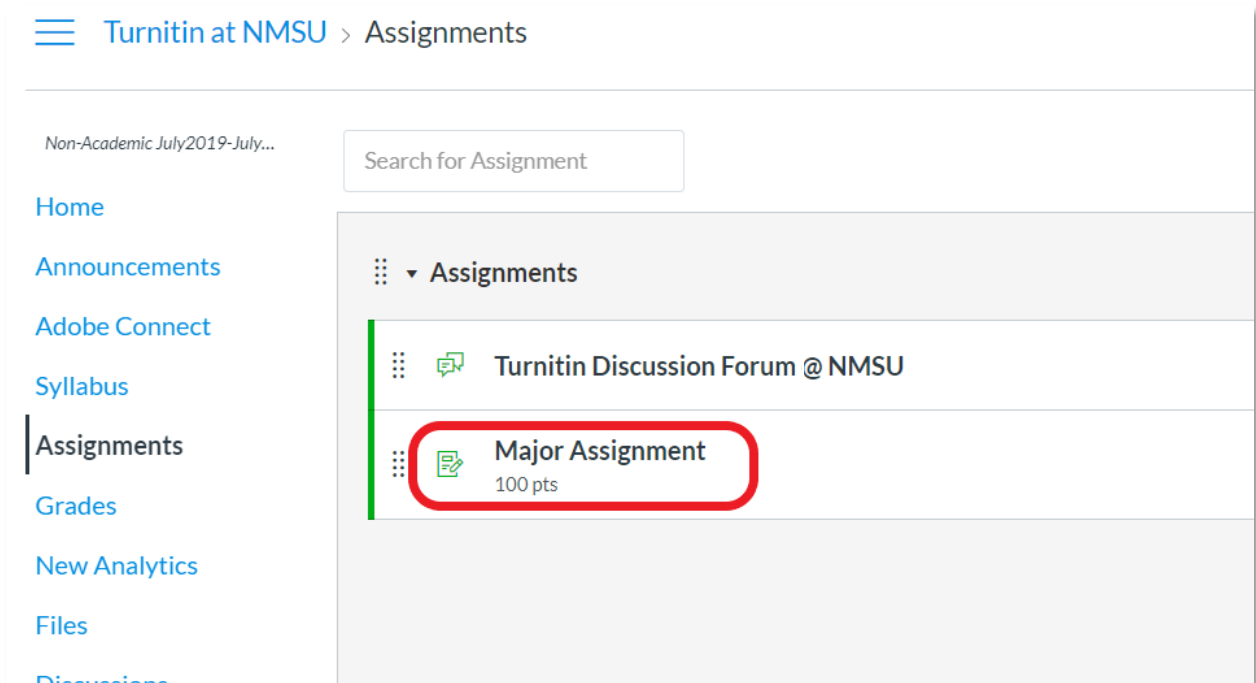
How do I, as a student, read the Turnitin Similarity Report?

You will learn how to read the Turnitin Similarity Report in your Canvas Assignment. Use the Similarity Report to view and analyze the matches found by Turnitin's web-crawler.

If your instructor has enabled Turnitin for a Canvas assignment or assignments, you are able to quickly access and view the Originality Report generated by Turnitin.

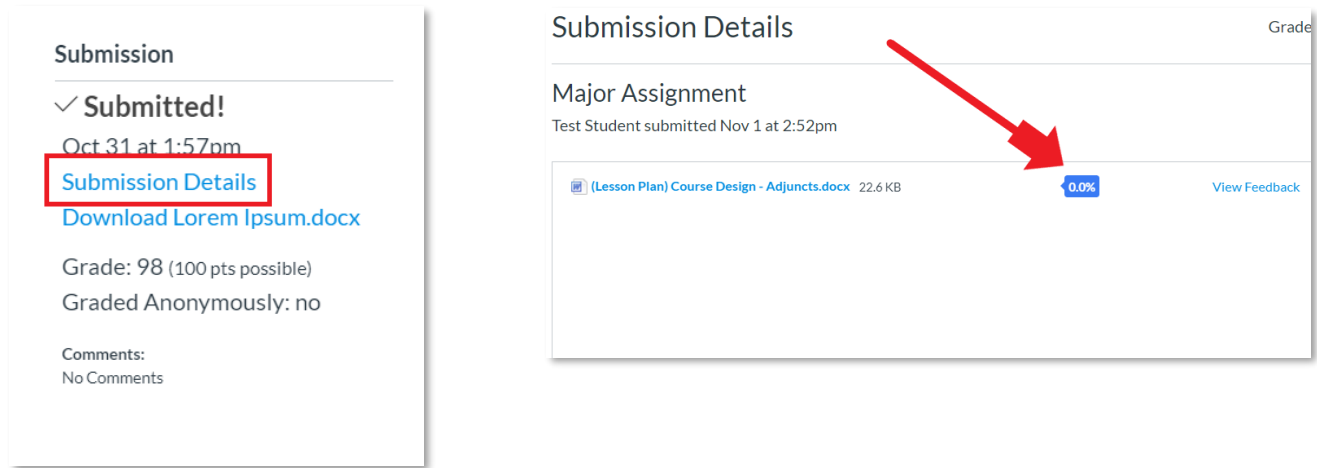
After you submit an Assignment in which Turnitin is enabled, you can view the Originality Report two ways.

1. Click on the link to the Turnitin assignment.



The screenshot shows the Canvas LMS interface for a Turnitin assignment. The breadcrumb navigation at the top reads "Turnitin at NMSU > Assignments". Below this, there is a search bar labeled "Search for Assignment". On the left side, there is a navigation menu with the following items: Home, Announcements, Adobe Connect, Syllabus, Assignments (which is currently selected), Grades, New Analytics, Files, and Discussions. The main content area displays a list of assignments under the heading "Assignments". The list contains two items: "Turnitin Discussion Forum @ NMSU" and "Major Assignment" (100 pts). The "Major Assignment" item is highlighted with a red circle.

2. Find Submission Details and click on it. This page will include a tag with a percentage inside of it, as seen in the image below.



You can also access the Originality Report through your “Grades” page. Directly across from your assignment score, you will see a colored tag, but without a number. Clicking on this tag will open your Originality Report from Turnitin.

Name	Due	Status	Score	Out of	
Major Assignment				0	
Assignments			N/A	0.00 / 0.00	
Total			N/A	0.00 / 0.00	

3. Identify the meaning of the color of the report icon.

The color of the report icon is linked to one of five tiers of the Similarity Index. This is based on the amount of matching text found by the repository comparison. The possible similarity index percentage ranges are linked to a corresponding color:

- blue (no matching text)
- green (one matching word to 24% similarity index)
- yellow (25-49% similarity index)
- orange (50-74% similarity index)
- red (75-100% similarity index)

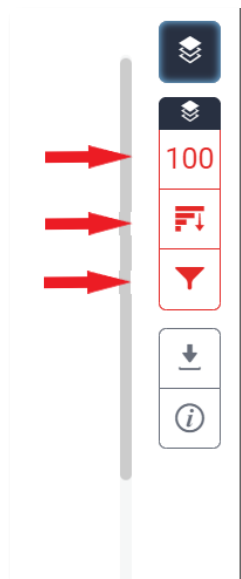
The overall similarity index and the corresponding color scaling of the icons provides a basic indication of how much information contained in a specific submission is matched to other

sources in the Turnitin repository. This number is a raw amount of matching done against the repositories selected for the assignment the submission was made to. Direct quotation, citations, or bibliography areas of the paper are not automatically excluded. The decision to permanently exclude or disregard matches to these types of text in a paper is made solely by the instructor of the class.

4. The Turnitin Feedback Studio window will open.

If you do not see the newly opened window you may need to disable your web browser's pop-up blocker. The **Turnitin Feedback Studio** displays the original student work in the left-hand pane and the **Similarity Report** in the right-hand pane of the window.

5. Click on the top number (right) to view the Match Breakdown.



This number and the icon of bars with a down arrow will expand the sources of matches, from the biggest match (100%) to the lowest match (> 1%)

The funnel icon will open Filters and Settings. Here you are able to choose:

- Exclude Quotes
- Exclude Bibliography
- Exclude sources that are less than ____.

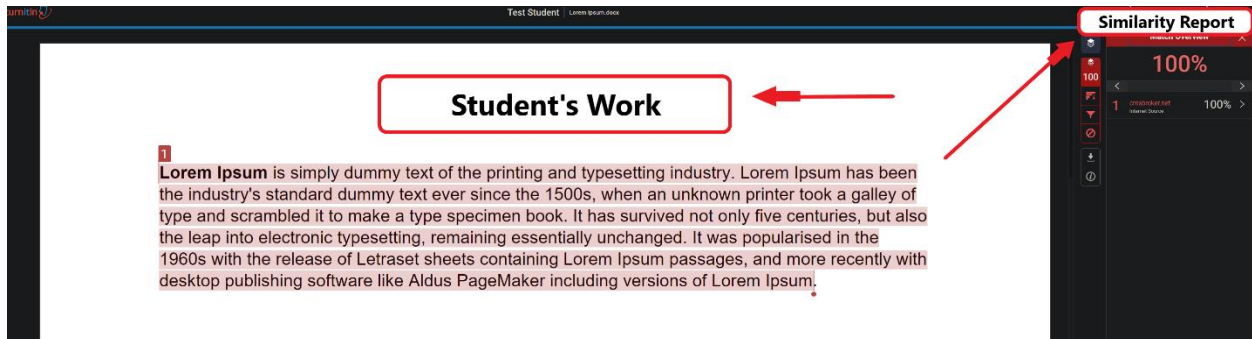
6. Examine the Match Overview display

The **Similarity Report** will show the **Match Overview** by default.

The **Match Overview** (show highest matches together) is a list of all areas of the paper which have similarity to text in the repositories the paper is being compared with. By default, the student work is compared to the:

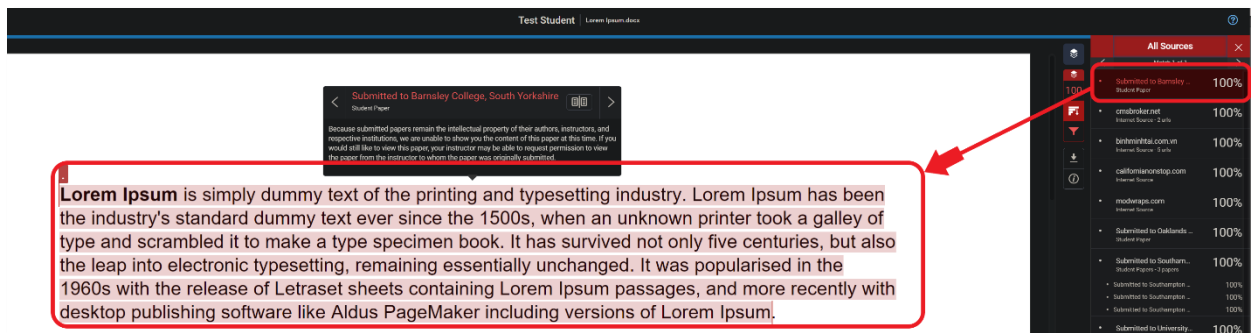
- Student paper repository
- Current and archived web site content, and
- Periodicals, journals and publications.

Matches are numbered, color-coded, and listed from highest to lowest percentage of matching text to the submission. Only the top or best matches are shown, all underlying matches are visible in the "Match Breakdown" and "All Sources" modes.



7. View the Match Breakdown

The student paper will scroll to where there is a text match for this source. The original source will show in context. **Match Breakdown** displays matches that are obscured by a top source, and allows instructors to compare the match instance of an underlying source with the match instance for a top source.



9. Click on Full Source View.

