Turnitin 101

Does Turnitin check for plagiarism?

NO – Turnitin does not check for plagiarism.

Turnitin checks for instances of similarity or matching, and then flags those areas for **further review**.

Does a high similarity score mean plagiarism?

Not necessarily. It is important that you understand what a similarity report is saying. Just because a student has a high percentage of similarity, it doesn't mean they have plagiarized.

How to Review a Turnitin Report:

① **Review the Match Overview**

The Match Overview highlights what content is similar, and identifies the specific source in the Turnitin Database.

Match Overview

63%

1	Submitted to Algonqui... Student Paper	60%	>
2	link.springer.com Internet Source	2%	>
3	navdeep1536.blogspot... Internet Source	1%	>

② **Explore** the Match Overview data to see what external sources the similarity highlights are connected to.

③ **Use the Filter Tool**

The filter tool allows you to filter what is checked. If students are using direct quotes, and you want to exclude them from the check, you can!

Filters and Settings

Filters

Exclude Quotes ☐

Exclude Bibliography ☐
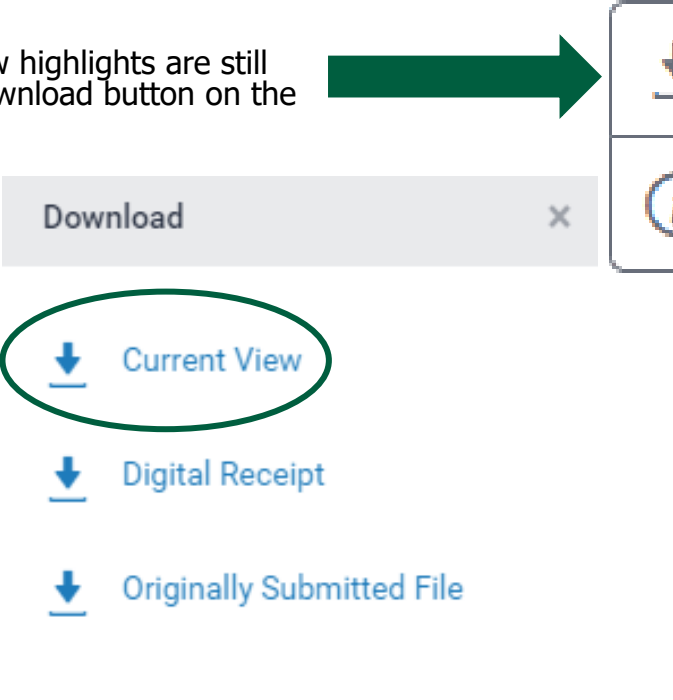
Exclude sources that are less than:

○ [   ] words
○ [   ] %
◉ Don't exclude by size

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Turnitin Reports

If you suspect Plagiarism:

1. After reviewing the Match Overview highlights, if you suspect an academic integrity incident has occurred you need to submit the Turnitin similarity report.

2. **Ensure** the match overview highlights are still displayed and **Click** the download button on the Turnitin Tool Bar

3. Download the **Current View** option. The current view download will display the students work with the similarity highlights as well as details about the primary sources found in the similarity report.

   Download ✕

   ⬇ Current View

   ⬇ Digital Receipt

   ⬇ Originally Submitted File

4. **Submit** the Current View Similarity Report as part of your Evidence for the Academic Incident.

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Turnitin Training Video 1

Turnitin Training Video 2

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