Checking for Plagiarism Problems

TurnItIn’s Originality Report shows you potential problems in your students’ papers. The report presents a Similarity Index which calculate the percentage of the paper that has been found in other sources. It also presents the entire paper with specific problems identified.

To see the Originality Report:

1. If necessary, sign in to turnitin.com.
2. Click on the class name. The class dashboard appears.
3. Click View.
4. Your assignments inbox appears with a list of all papers submitted.
5. Click the paper title.
6. The document viewer opens. If this is the first time you’ve opened a document, you will see a help screen appear.
7. If desired, you can watch a short video providing an orientation to the actions you can perform in the document viewer. To watch the video, click **Watch a 4-minute walkthrough**.

8. After watching the video, or if you do not want to watch the video, continue with the following steps.
9. Optional: If you do not want to see this screen again, click Don’t show this message again.

10. Click Close.

11. The Document Viewer appears.
12. If necessary, click Originality.

14. The **Match Overview** pane shows matches between text in the paper and text found in other sources in the TurnItIn database or on the Internet. Matches are listed in descending order of percentage of the paper, are numbered and color-coded. Matching numbers and colors will be found in the paper.

15. Clicking a colored item in the Match Overview pane will show you matching text in the paper.

16. Clicking a numbered item in the text opens a window that shows the source text that matches the paper’s text.
17. You can now review the paper for any major similarities with other sources. To leave comments for students or to grade the paper see the next section.