Similarity checker: Turnitin

What is Turnitin?

Turnitin is a tool for enhancing skilful writing and preventing plagiarism. In practice, it is a submission box for papers. Turnitin checks texts against comparison databases (repositories) for similarity and generates a similarity report. Comparison databases include web pages, student papers and library databases and publications. The similarity report shows similarities, it does not identify plagiarism. The reports have to be interpreted to decide whether plagiarism is involved or not.

Turnitin can also be used to give feedback and grades via the user interface called Feedback Studio. It opens when clicking on a student's details in a Turnitin submission box. Grades given in Turnitin via Feedback Studio are automatically transferred to MyCourses's grader report.

A short description of Turnitin and its use

A description of Turnitin from the student's point of view in the Student Guide

Links to other important resources

- Responsibilities and rights of teachers and students when using Turnitin
- Plagiarism
- The investigation process of suspected misconduct
- See also student instructions (to be added)