TURNITIN AT CAPU

Learning Tool for Students

WHAT IS TURNITIN?

Turnitin is an online software program that uses a matching algorithm to identify similarities between documents submitted to the software and existing material available online.
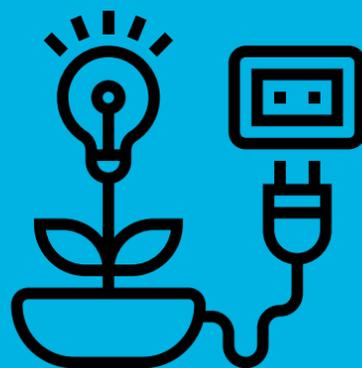
WHAT DOES TURNITIN DO?

Turnitin compares the submitted document against a repository of student papers, internet sites and online journals. The matching result is indicated by a **Similarity Score** and detailed in a **Similarity Report**. The submitted document is added to a repository for future comparisons.

WHAT IS TURNITIN USED FOR?

Turnitin can be used as a learning tool (students use the Similarity Report to improve their writing skills) and as a detection tool (instructors use the Similarity Report to identify possible instances of plagiarism).

Turnitin does not detect plagiarism.

HOW DO I USE TURNITIN?

If your instructor opts to use Turnitin your paper will be automatically submitted to Turnitin. You will have access to the Similarity Report (takes approximately 5 to 10 minutes) which you can use to improve your writing and citation skills.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

The Student Digital Ambassadors can answer questions related to Turnitin. The SDAs are available for Live Support at https://sda.capilanou.ca.

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