# Suggested wording for inclusion in an Assignment or on a Course eLearn Page

Turnitin is a new feature for both students and instructors at CapU. Explaining how Turnitin will be used on an Assignment or in your course may be helpful for both you and your students.

The student’s experience with Turnitin in your course is determined by the settings you choose when setting up your Assignment/s. The two key settings are:

1. Display Similarity Reports to Students > Yes/No
2. Report Generation Speed >
   * *Generate reports immediately (students cannot resubmit)*
   * *Generate reports immediately (students can resubmit until due date). After 3 submissions, reports generate after 3 hours*
   * *Generate reports on due date (students can resubmit until due date)*

You may wish to include the suggested wording as a general statement on your eLearn course page or in the Assignment/s guidelines.

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| If student will NOT be able to see the Similarity Report, this wording may be helpful: |
| Papers submitted for this Assignment will be automatically submitted to Turnitin for similarity checking. Turnitin is an online software program that checks your work for similarities by comparing your submission to a large database of Capilano students’ submissions, submissions from many other institutions as well as to textual material located on the web such as webpages, journals, other student papers, etc. Turnitin does not detect plagiarism. The instructor will contact you to discuss the Similarity Report’s findings if required. If you have any questions, please send the instructor an email or visit during office hours. |
| If a student will be able to see the Similarity Report (recommended), and the Report Generation Speed is: *Generate reports immediately (students cannot resubmit),* this wording may be helpful: |
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If the above wording will be used on the course eLearn page, you may wish to introduce the concept of Academic Integrity prior to explaining how Turnitin will be used in the course. Suggested wording:

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| **Academic Integrity**  When completing assessments, it is acceptable to use other people’s ideas sourced from webpages, journals, news articles, etc. Doing research is one of the key skills you’re learning during your university experience. If you use others’ ideas, it is very important that you acknowledge the source you’ve used. If a reference to the source is not provided, you are essentially saying that what you’re presenting are your own ideas, i.e., that you came up with them. This is referred to as [plagiarism](https://www.capilanou.ca/media/capilanouca/about-capu/governance/policies-amp-procedures/senate-policies-amp-procedures/S2017-05-Academic-Integrity-Policy.pdf).  Integrity is not only important in an academic setting, it’s also important at [work](http://ratracemutiny.com/workplace-ethics/workplace-plagiarism-examples/) too. In March 2015, Robin Thicke and Pharrell Williams were found guilty of not crediting excerpts taken from a previous song for *Blurred Lines* and were ordered to pay $7.3 million.  You can avoid plagiarizing others’ ideas by:   1. [using references](https://libguides.capilanou.ca/citeit), 2. using quotation marks or 3. expressing the ideas in your own words (and providing an in-text citation).   To help you learn about this important concept, we will be using Turnitin in this course. |