

Technology and Learning Program : How to use Turnitin in Vista

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Introduction

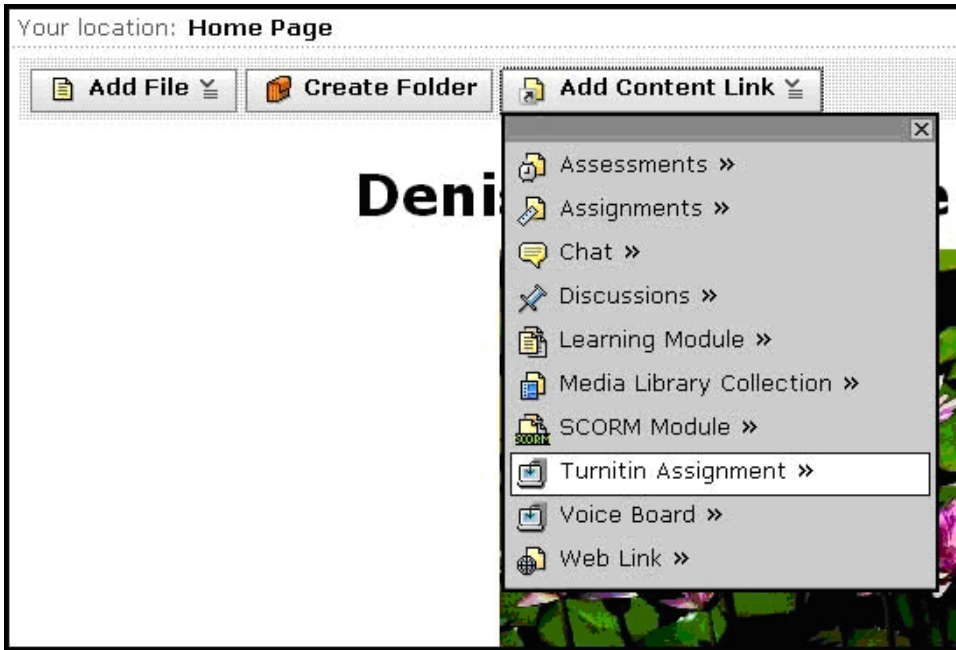
Turnitin is a web-based program used to prevent and/or reveal when a student may be plagiarizing. Students upload their papers to Turnitin and the papers are screened for authenticity. An online originality report is generated for the instructor, as well as students to review. Turnitin also offers helpful tips on preventing plagiarism for both students and faculty.

Creating the link to Turnitin

1. From the **Build** tab, select where you would like the Turnitin assignment to go. It can be placed in the Course Content area or in a folder on the Course Content page (perhaps with other writing assignments in it), or in a Learning Module (after one is created, go into the actual learning module to **add content link**).

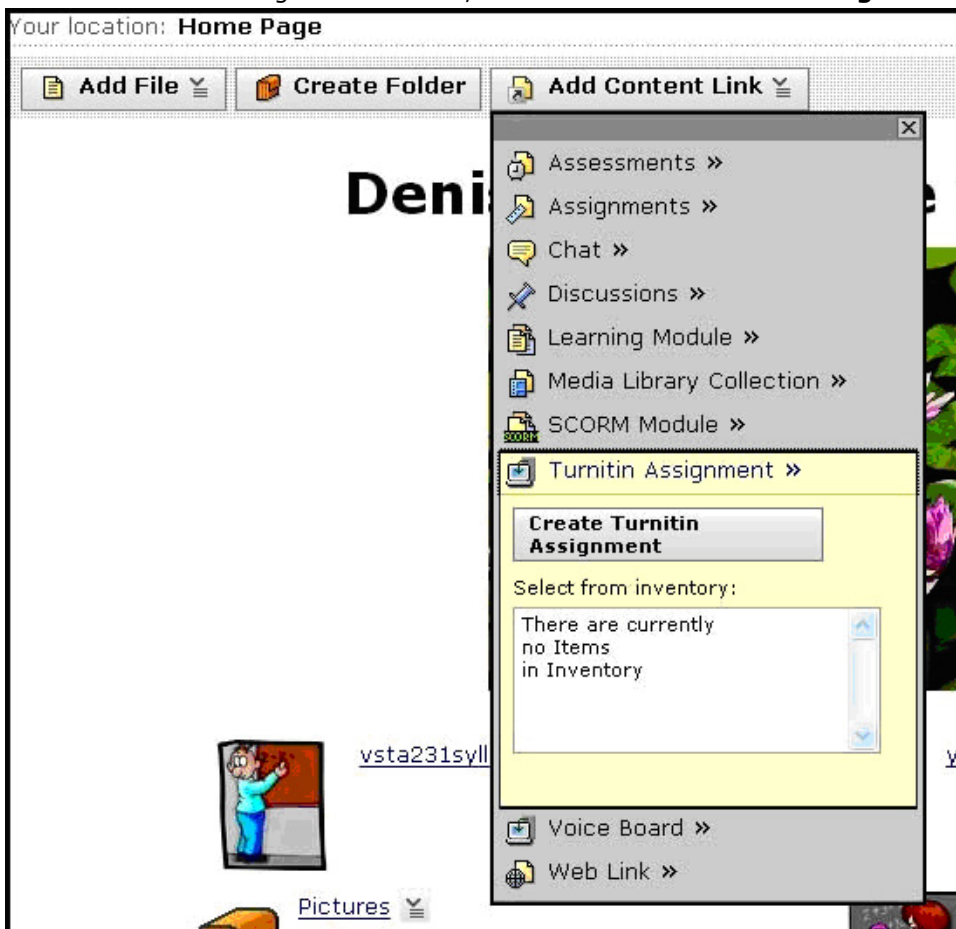


2. Click on the **Add Content Link** button and select **Turnitin Assignment**.



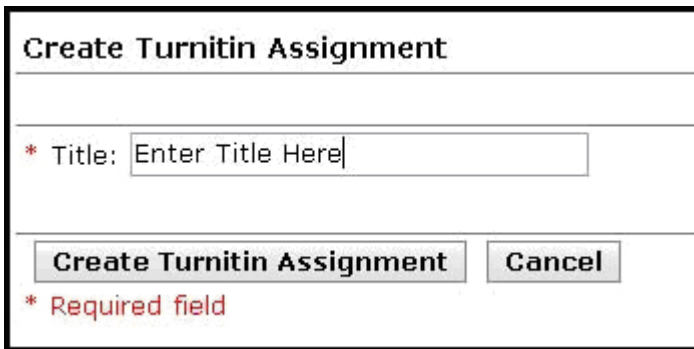
! If you do not see **Turnitin Assignment** in the drop down box, go into the **Manage Course** section in the left navigation area, choose **settings**, scroll down and click on **Turnitin Assignment**. Once there, the **Enable Tool Value** must be set to **true**.


3. In the Turnitin Assignment window, click the **Create Turnitin Assignment** button.



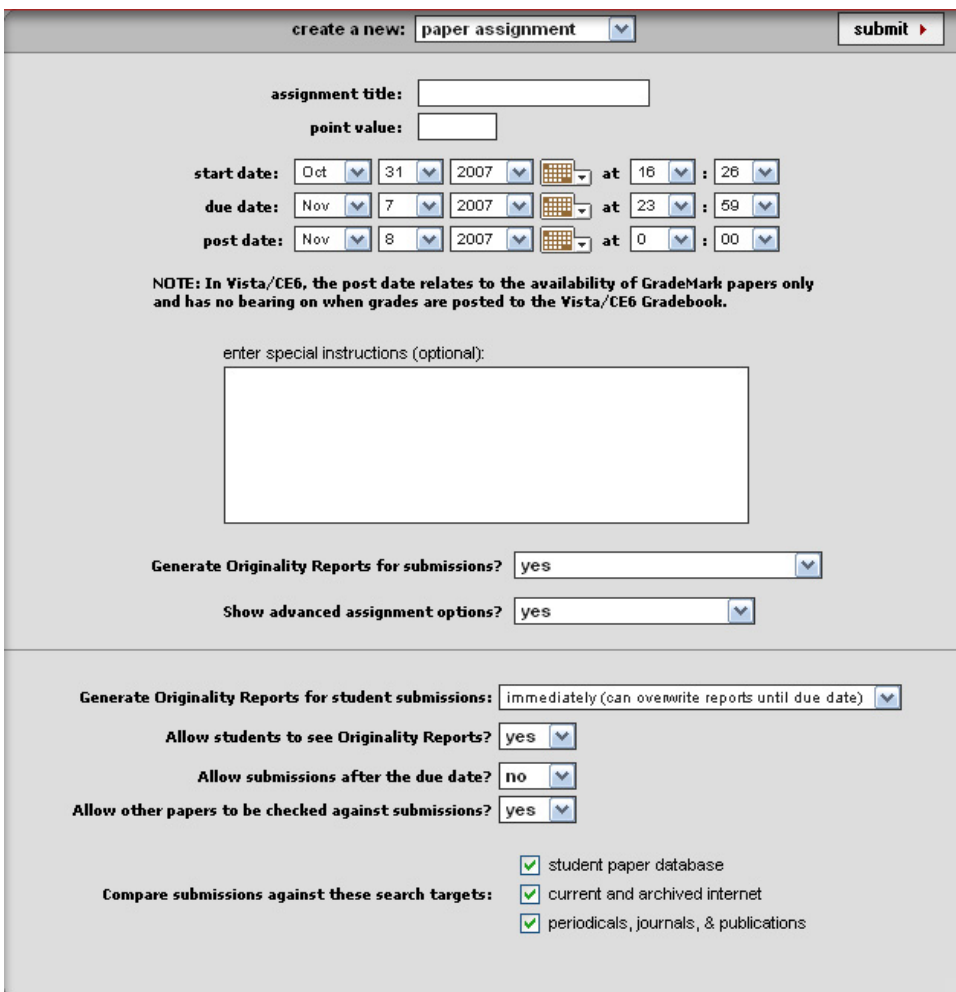
Create a Turnitin Assignment

1. Enter a title of the Assignment and click the **Create Turnitin Assignment** button below.



 Keep in mind that this assignment must be entitled with a name not previously used in the Vista grade book.

2. In the following screen, you will see the standard Turnitin interface. Select the parameters of your assignment.



- Choose whether you would like to create a new paper assignment or a revision assignment.

create a new: **paper assignment** ▼


assignment title: **paper assignment**
revision assignment


- Add the assignment title and assign a point value.


assignment title:

point value:


- Enter the start date, due date, and post date. The post date refers to when the grades will be released to the students.

start date: Nov ▼ 5 ▼ 2007 ▼  at 16 ▼ : 11 ▼

due date: Nov ▼ 12 ▼ 2007 ▼  at 23 ▼ : 59 ▼

post date: Nov ▼ 13 ▼ 2007 ▼  at 0 ▼ : 00 ▼

NOTE: In Vista/CE6, the post date relates to the availability of GradeMark papers only and has no bearing on when grades are posted to the Vista/CE6 Gradebook.

 **GradeMark** is a separate software service offered by Turnitin.

- Enter any special instructions if needed. Choose whether you want to generate originality reports for submissions.

enter special instructions (optional):

Generate Originality Reports for submissions? ▼

Show advanced assignment options? ▼

- Choose whether you want to show advanced assignment options.

Show advanced assignment options? ▼

Generate Originality Reports for student submissions: ▼


Allow students to see Originality Reports? ▼

Allow submissions after the due date? ▼

Allow other papers to be checked against submissions? ▼

Compare submissions against these search targets:

- student paper database
- current and archived internet
- periodicals, journals, & publications

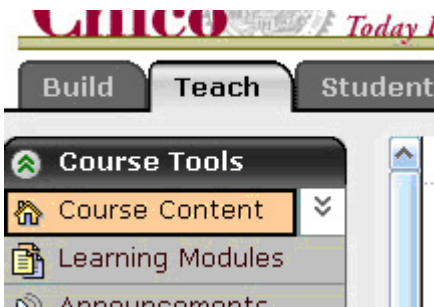
 Selecting **Yes** for the Show Advanced Assignment Options gives you more control over your Turnitin report.

- Choose when you want to generate originality reports for student submissions and if you want to allow students to see originality reports, allow submissions after the due date, and to allow other papers to be checked against submissions. You will also want to choose what to compare the submissions against in the checked areas.

3. Click on the submit button in the top right corner.



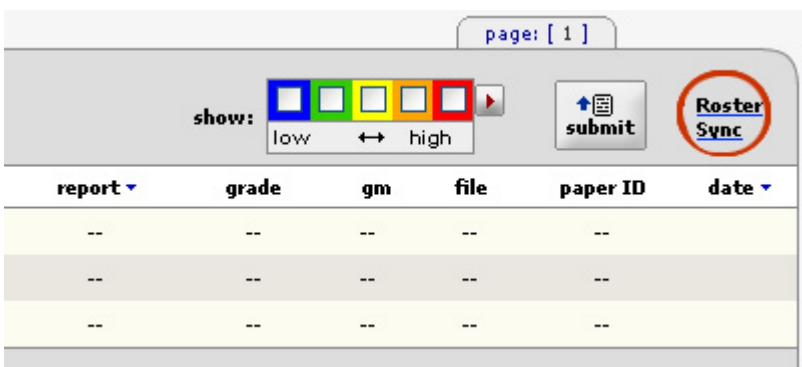
4. Now switch from the **Build** mode to the **Teach** mode.

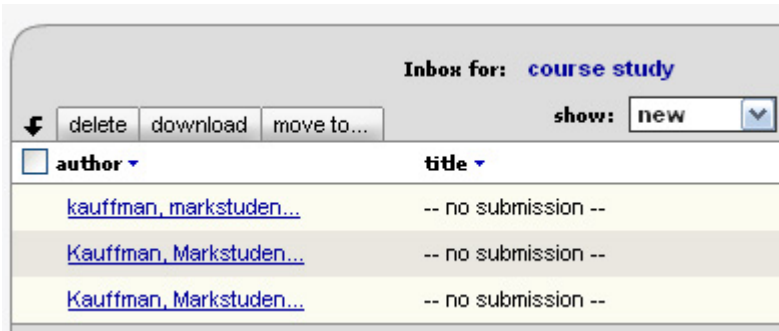



5. Select the Turnitin assignment you just created.

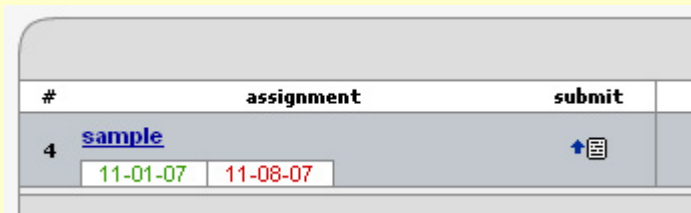


6. Click on the **Roster Sync** at the far right of the screen. This will add the list of students in the course with the Turnitin assignment.






 Many students may not know how to use Turnitin.com. You may need to show the students where to find the assignment and how to submit it. They should click into the actual assignment in blue.



Next, click on the submit button to the right of the assignment. The assignment will be submitted and students can expect an originality report in anywhere from a few minutes to a few hours depending upon how busy Turnitin is. There is a 24 hour wait time between submission and resubmission.

 Since in most cases students own the copyrights to their works, please keep in mind that they should be informed that a copy of their paper will be sent to Turnitin.com and become part of Turnitin's database. For students who don't agree to this, Turnitin suggests you offer alternatives such as: "the student could be required to turn in a photocopy of the first page of all reference sources used, an annotated bibliography, and a one page paper reflecting on their research methodology."