Overview

Turnitin is the plagiarism detection/deterrent software in use at Bournemouth University. When you submit a draft assignment in the Try-It-Out area of your Faculty tab, an Originality Report is generated. The originality report can identify the original source of material included within your submitted assignments by searching a repository of several billion pages of reference material gathered from professional publications, student essay banks and other student works.

You can use the originality report to help you address a number of common but difficult to identify issues related to citation and identify potential plagiarism. Any paper that you submit to the ‘Try-it-out’ box (and the associated report) will not be visible to your tutors; it will also not be submitted to the Turnitin repository.

You will not receive an originality report when you make your final assignment submission so make sure you use the Try-It-Out box for draft versions, and leave enough time before your deadline to get any help with your assignment that you may need.

How to submit a draft assignment

Go to your Faculty tab, the Try-It-Out box is usually in the Assessment section. If there is an option, select your level of study and click the View/Complete link in the Turnitin box:
Things to remember!

- When you first use the ‘Try-it-out’ box your report will be available within several minutes. Any subsequent submissions made the same day will take 24 hours to generate the originality report.

- There is no limit to how many draft assignments to you can submit to the ‘Try-it-out’ box although each Originality Report will overwrite the previous report.

- Your draft assignment is never added to the Turnitin database so there will be no matches to a draft version when you submit your final assignment.

How to access your originality report

Return to the ‘Try-it-out’ box. Click on the originality report/percentage icon to view your originality report.

Interpreting your originality report

The percentage of similarity will appear in the top right corner of your report. This is a total of the number of sources Turnitin has matched against which could be sources in the Turnitin database or other student papers.

Don’t focus on the overall percentage, there is no “good” or “bad” score: make sure you look at the full report.

Your originality report may help to identify some areas for improvement such as citation, paraphrasing, summarizing or synthesizing your own thoughts. For further help with this and interpreting your report, get in touch with your Faculty Subject Support team as soon as possible before your submission deadline:

https://www1.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/library/contact-us
The report is numbered and colour-coded to help you identify matches and which sources the text has been matched from. Here, a number of small percentage matches have been highlighted, and so this would **not** be any cause for concern:

[Image of a Turnitin originality report]

**Further support**

- If you have any problems accessing your originality report, contact the IT service desk: [https://bournemouth.service-now.com/sp](https://bournemouth.service-now.com/sp)
- Or by phone: 01202 965515