

Turnitin Use at UW-Whitewater

Plagiarism

Students are expected to do their own work unless advised that collaboration is acceptable. This means that you may use facts from other sources *if* you re-write them in your own words. Anytime you quote directly from another source or paraphrase substantially, you must cite the source you used. When you take a test, you are expected to keep your eyes on your own paper and protect your test paper from being copied by a classmate.

Failure to use proper citation procedure is considered plagiarism. Plagiarism will result in a grade of "0" if it is flagrant and/or deliberate. Copying from another person's paper or test is academic dishonesty and will result in a grade of "0" for that assignment. In addition, you will be referred to student services for discipline based on college policy.

Using Turnitin

UW-Whitewater utilizes a plagiarism prevention service from Turnitin. This service, hosted in California, is employed to protect the integrity of a class assignment as well as student original work. We accept submissions in these formats: MS Word, WordPerfect, RTF, PDF, PostScript, HTML, and plain text (.txt)

How does the service work

Faculty submit students' papers electronically to Turnitin, where the papers are checked against the Turnitin database which comprises of several generations of Internet documents, published work in commercial databases, and student submitted papers to determine the originality of the work. A report comes back with a score indicating how likely the paper is to be original work, including the sources of matches found.

If the matching source is determined to be from a paper authored by another student, the faculty may then request a copy of the original paper to review. To do this the faculty who is reviewing the paper would seek permission from the faculty whose student's work was listed as a source. Permission must be granted before the paper is released.

How we use the service at UW-Whitewater

Students are notified by their instructors in advance for assignments that will be checked for plagiarism using this service. Submitted papers are stored in the service's database as a protection of the intellectual property of the original author. However, upon a special request from the institution, a specific paper can be removed from the database. Student names do not have to be attached to papers. Instructors will remove names on the papers to preserve privacy of students.

Privacy & Copyright

Turnitin abides by a strict privacy policy to protect sensitive data. Student information and papers are secured digitally through industry-standard SSL encryption and physically through stringent security measures at Turnitin's facilities. Turnitin does not require student names to be associated with submitted papers.

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