DMU Replay title: **Turnitin Submissions (July 2018)**

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If you are asked to submit an assignment via Turnitin, Turnitin will check for *plagiarism*. That is, it checks every part of your assignment to ensure it hasn’t been **copied**.

It does this by comparing your work against a vast repository of sources, including previous student submissions, books, published articles and websites.

If you have been asked to submit via Turnitin, then the Turnitin link for your assignment will be in your Blackboard module. If you see multiple Turnitin links in Blackboard these will be for different assignments. So do ensure you submit to the correct link for your current assignment.

Once you’ve found the correct Turnitin link in Blackboard, click on the View/Complete link give your assignment an appropriate name/title, normally you will select ‘Choose from this computer’. IF you’ve got your assignment on a USB stick, then plug it in and click the blue “Upload” button to upload the assignment. You then see an image of your work as a check to ensure that you’ve uploaded the correct file. Once you’re happy you’ve uploaded the right file, click the blue ‘Confirm’ button. A digital receipt confirming you’ve submitted your work will then be sent to your student email account.

After a moment or two, Turnitin produces a similarity score. To view the similarity report click on the score, unless your module tutor has chosen to turn this option off.

Coloured highlighting indicates portions of text Turnitin has found a match for.

Clicking the ‘Match overview’ button reveals the sources for each of these matches found in your assignment.

In this example, some of the bibliography has added to the similarity score and also some of the quotations. These matches, and any other matches, are not a problem **provided that you ensure** you reference you work clearly and appropriately.

Some students get anxious about Turnitin. But you have no reason to worry provided you clearly and accurately reference all your sources.

On some modules and courses students are allowed to submit multiple drafts to Turnitin right up until the assignment deadline. If multiple drafts are permitted, then each time you upload a new draft it overwrites your previous draft, giving you a new similarity score and report. But many courses only allow you to submit once.

Do check your submission instructions on Blackboard or with your lecturer(s) as to whether you are allowed multiple submissions or not.