

# Turnitin for Students

## What is Turnitin?

Turnitin is an electronic text matching system that compares text in a student assignment against electronic text on the Internet, in published works, on commercial databases, and in assignments previously submitted to Turnitin by students in universities all over the world, including assignments obtained from internet sites that sell student papers.

Turnitin provides an 'originality report' in which 'matched' text is underlined, color coded, and linked to either the original source or a similar document on its database. Turnitin indicates the degree of text matching, and lecturers must still review the originality report and perhaps use other measures in order to determine if plagiarism has occurred.

## Benefits for Students

Turnitin has many positive benefits as a teaching and learning tool for students. In some instances students may have the opportunity to submit a draft version of their assignment in order to generate an originality report. This report will highlight text that matches closely to another source and this may indicate that the student needs to work on their writing or referencing skills. The student may then choose to seek assistance to improve their assignment before submitting it for marking.

## <Originality Report>

*Paper Text* – matching text is highlighted in a color that corresponds to the matching source listed on the Originality Report.

Earth  
As compass, the Great Turning helps us see the direction in which our political economy is heading. Because the industrial growth society is based on an impossible imperative—limitless increase in corporate profits—that direction leads to collapse. No system can endure that seeks to maximize a single variable. Already our system is on 'overshoot,' using up resources beyond Earth's capacity to renew and dumping wastes beyond Earth's capacity to absorb. The losses inflicted on the biosphere now affect every system essential to life, and deplete the diversity required for complex life forms. Yet life is a dynamic process, self-organizing to adapt and evolve. Just as it turned scales to feathers, gills to lungs, seawater to blood, so now, too, immense evolutionary pressures are at work. They are driving this revolution of ours through innumerable molecular, intersecting alterations in the human capacity for conscious change.  
Still, as Earth's record attests, extinctions are at least as plentiful as successful adaptations. We may not make it this time. Natural systems may unravel beyond repair before new, sustainable forms and structures take hold. That is part of the anguish that is widely felt.  
That anguish is unavoidable, if we want to stay honest and alert. The Great Turning comes with no guarantees. Its risk of failure is its reality, consisting on belief in a positive outcome puts blinders on us and burdens the heart. We might manage to convince ourselves that everything will surely turn out all right, but would such happy assurance elicit our greatest courage and creativity?

*Matching Sources* – the list of matching sources for the highlighted areas of the paper

ORIGINALITY REPORT			
64 %	64 %	3 %	3 %
SIMILARITY INDEX	INTERNET SOURCES	PUBLICATIONS	STUDENT PAPERS
PRIMARY SOURCES			
1	futureoftheworld.com <small>Internet Source</small>		16%
2	www.progressivedemocratsnc.org <small>Internet Source</small>		14%
3	www.uucpa.org <small>Internet Source</small>		13%
4	lotusinthemud.typepad.com <small>Internet Source</small>		6%

### **How can I use *Turnitin*?**

The KIC Office of Graduate Studies will submit your paper to the *Turnitin* system on your behalf and will then send the results back to you. If you would like to try this system, please follow the application procedure as follows:

1. Submit your paper to the KIC Office of Graduate Studies (s-igs@st.ritsumeai.ac.jp) by email. \*The paper must be in MS Word-format.

Upon doing so, your email must contain the following information:

- 1) Name
- 2) Student ID Number
- 3) Graduate School/Program
- 4) Will you be joining the English Writing Tutorial Program? *Yes / No/ Unsure*

*(The English Writing Tutorial program is offered to International Students who are pursuing English-based degrees at Ritsumeikan University Graduate Schools. The tutorial sessions will be held from June to July on both Kinugasa Campus and BKC. Dates will be announced shortly.)*

2. Receive the results from the KIC Office of Graduate Studies by email.

The KIC Office of Graduate Studies will send the *Turnitin* results to the student within two days. If the results need to be returned to you by means other than by email, you will be informed by the KIC Office of Graduate Studies beforehand.

**NOTE: This service will be available from June 18(Mon), 2012.**

For more information, please inquire with the KIC Office of Graduate Studies (TEL: 075-465-8195/ Email: s-igs@st.ritsumeai.ac.jp).