Create a Canvas Assignment with Turnitin

The integration of Turnitin Originality with Canvas LMS enables faculty to require that student submissions are scanned by the Turnitin Originality tool to identify potential originality issues (plagiarism).

Cautions and Caveats

Originality checkers, including Turnitin, are neither foolproof nor a "silver bullet" for tackling academic integrity issues. The University of Minnesota's support blog post, *6 Principles to Guide Use of Plagiarism Detection Software and Tools*, is an excellent discussion about using Turnitin Originality Checker. However, **please ignore the information in that post about Turnitin PeerMark and Feedback Studio, for which UHCL does not have licenses.**

You can enable the Turnitin Originality checker on any new or existing assignment in your Canvas course(s) if current students have not yet begun submitting those assignments. The following steps apply to creating a new Assignment; however, you may also edit the settings of an existing Assignment to achieve the same results.

Creating a New Assignment with the Turnitin Option

1. From the Assignments page in your Canvas course, click the **+ Assignment** button in the upper right.
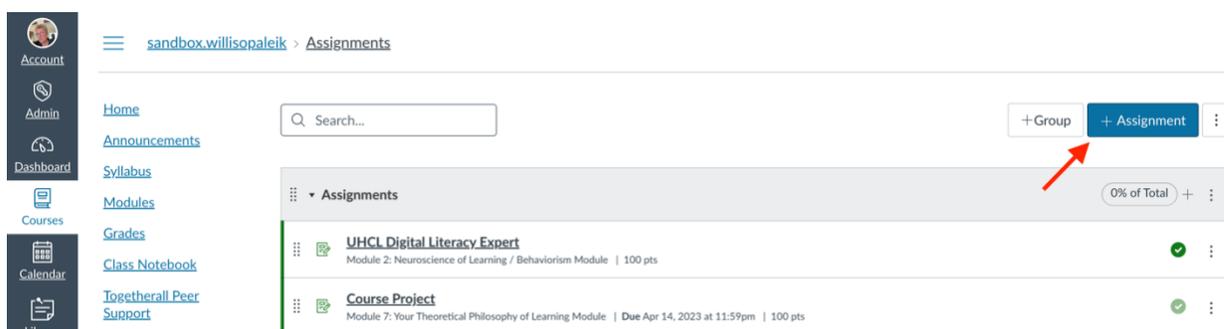
2. Begin setting up the new Assignment, including the Assignment Name, any instructions you want to provide, and the maximum number of points for the assignment.
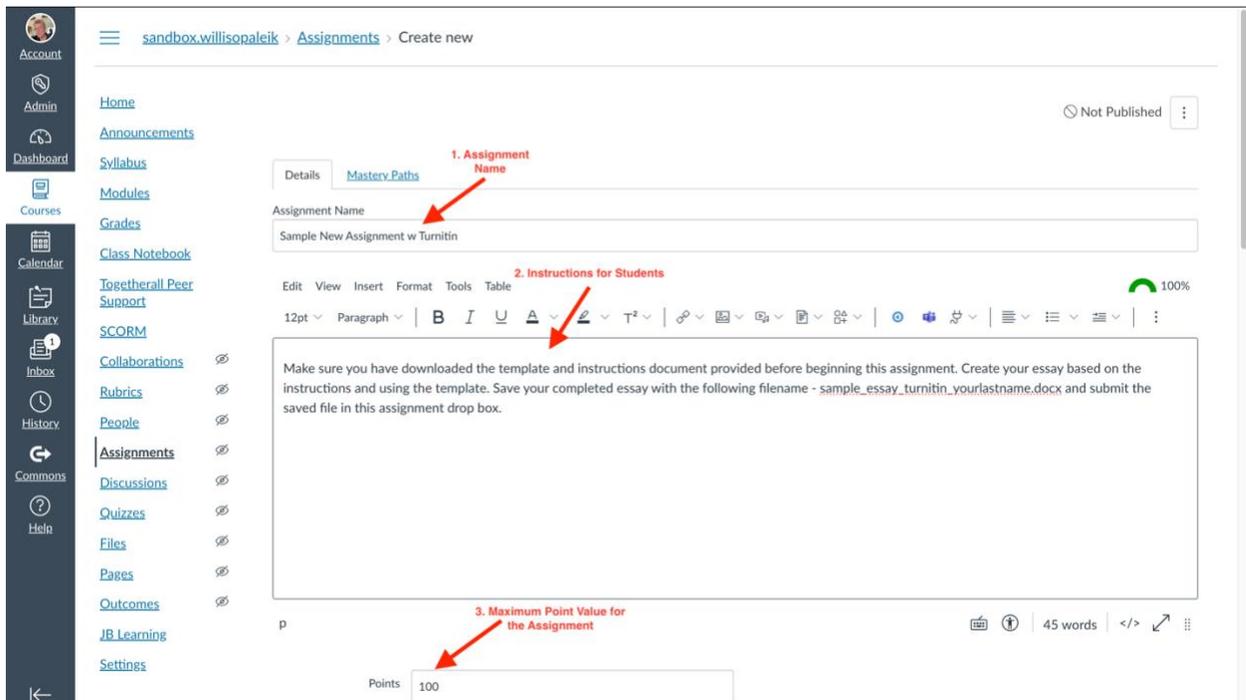
3. Scroll down to the middle section of the Assignment settings screen and modify settings to suit your preferences. **To activate the Turnitin option, you must check the File Uploads option in the Submission Type field.** When you do so, a **Plagiarism Review** section will automatically appear after the Submission Attempts section at the bottom of this section of the screen.
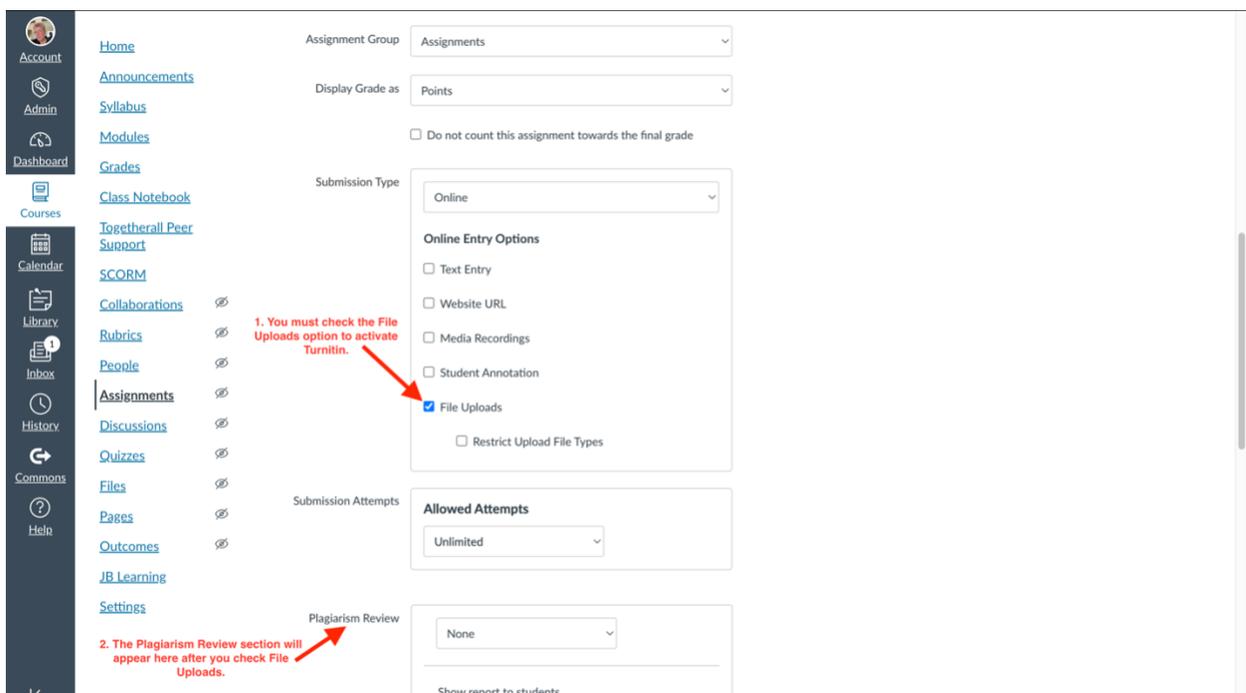
4. Scroll down until the new Plagiarism Review section is fully visible and change the first option in that section from "None" to **Turnitin Originality**. Doing so will further expand the Plagiarism Review section, displaying the Turnitin options.
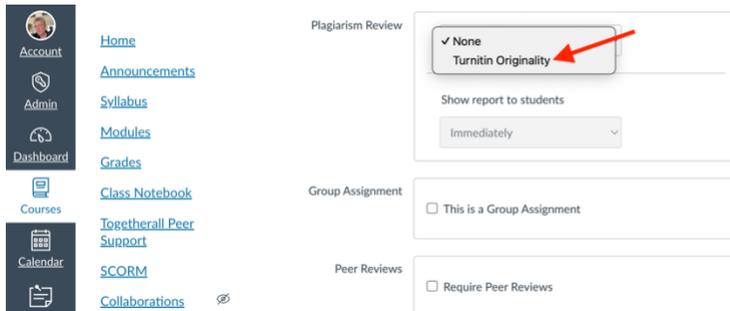
5. The Turnitin options for the new assignment will be displayed. To learn more about these options, review Step 6 on the Turnitin support page, *Creating an assignment in Originality, Similarity and SimCheck using Canvas*. NOTE: Using the link in this document is faster than using the "Learn more about Turnitin settings" link under the Turnitin options in Canvas. Adjust the Turnitin settings to suit your needs and preferences.
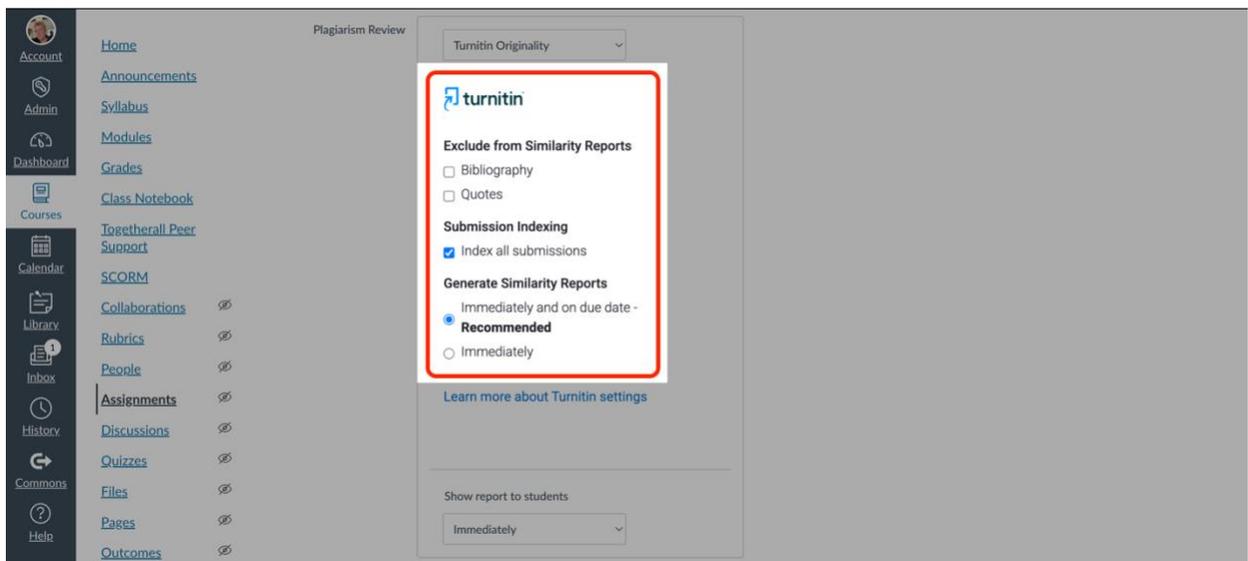
6. Click the menu field under "Show report to students" at the bottom of the Turnitin options area and click on the menu option you'd like to use.
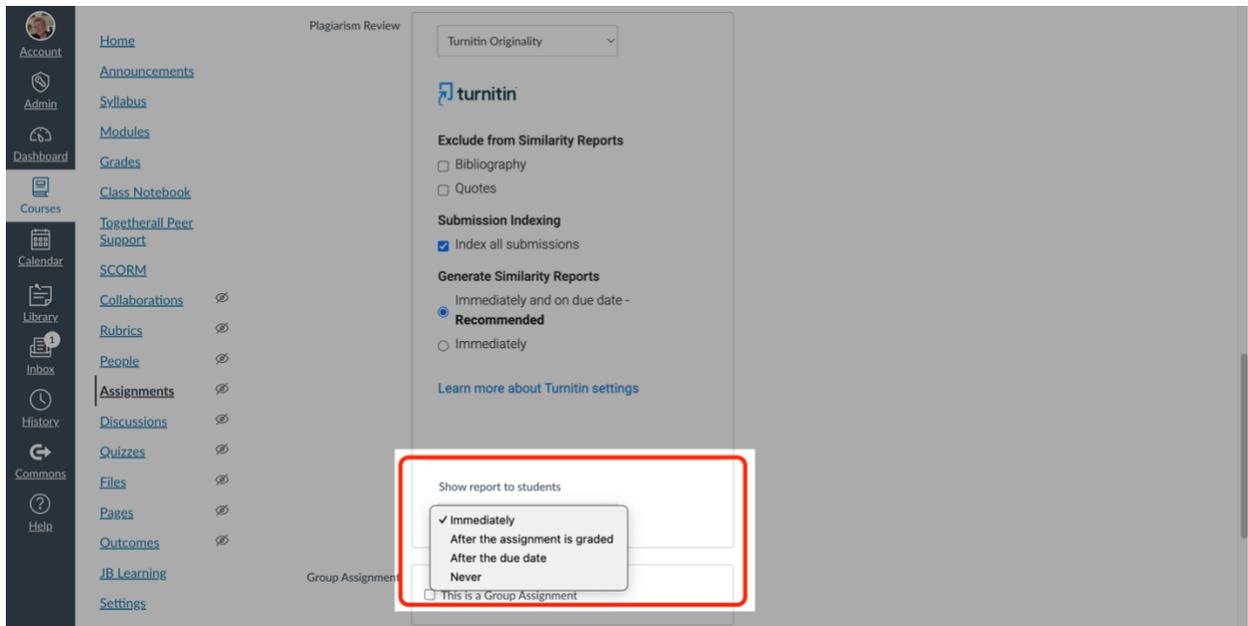
7. Scroll down to the middle section of the Assignment settings screen and modify the remaining settings, such as the assignment availability and due dates, to suit your preferences. When you've made your selections, review all your settings for the new Assignment, and finally click either the **Save** or **Save & Publish** button, both located in the bottom right of the Assignment settings page.
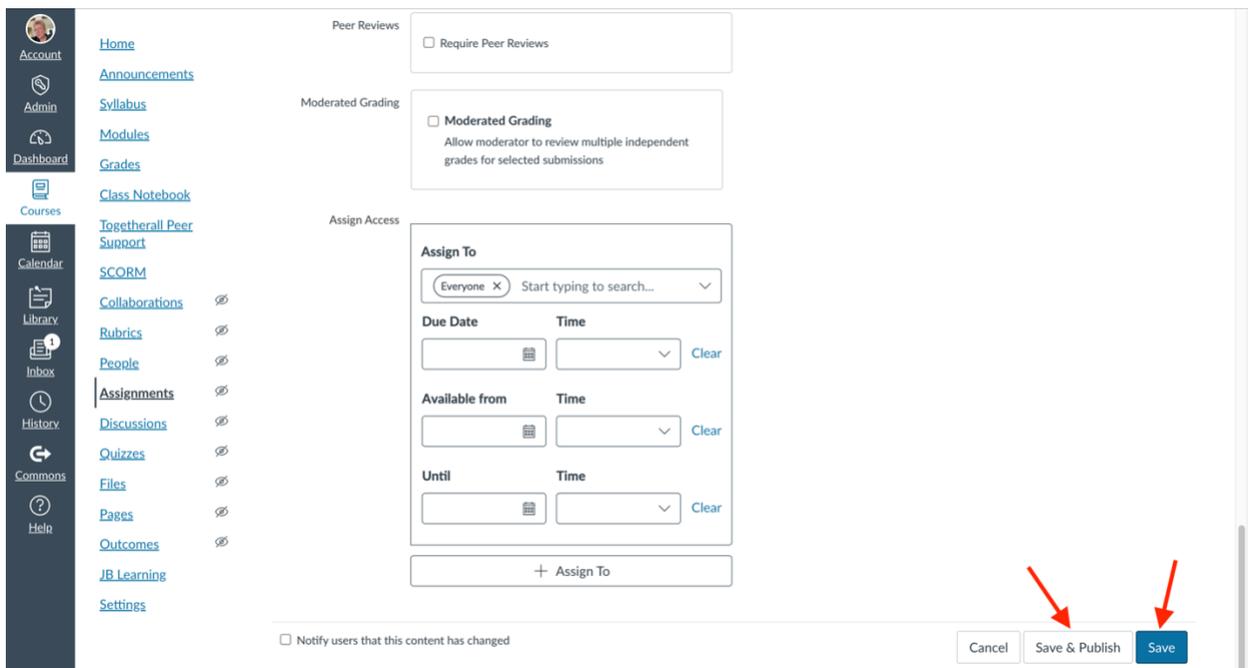
Conclusion

If you encounter any difficulties while following the above procedure, or if you have other Turnitin-related questions, please contact the IDT team either by sending an email to IDT@uhcl.edu or by contacting our colleagues in OIT's Support Center to request that a help ticket be created and forwarded to our team.