Submitting a Canvas Assignment with Turnitin

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

What is the Turnitin Similarity Report?

According to Turnitin's user support site, *Turnitin **does not check for plagiarism**. We compare your submissions against our database. A similarity score percentage is made available when a Similarity Report is available for viewing whenever your writing is similar to one of our sources. Our database includes billions of web pages: both current and archived content from the internet, a repository of works other students have submitted to Turnitin in the past, and a collection of documents, which comprises thousands of periodicals, journals, and publications. The Similarity Report provides a summary of details, including the sources matched to your submission, to use as a tool to determine if the matches are acceptable. When a Similarity Report is available for viewing, a similarity score percentage is made available. The similarity score is the percentage of matched text your submission contains. We calculate this by dividing the total words in a submission by the number of words matched to outside sources* (Turnitin, 2025).

For additional information about the similarity report, text matching, and plagiarism, please use the hyperlink below to access Turnitin's video on those topics.

[Video] Understanding Text Similarity for Students

NOTE: Instructors determine whether or not students may access and review the similarity report for their assignment submissions.

Creating a New Assignment with the Turnitin Option

The following steps outline how you submit a Canvas Assignment for which your instructor has required Turnitin.

1. In your Canvas course shell, navigate to and click to open the **Assignment** to which you need to submit your work.
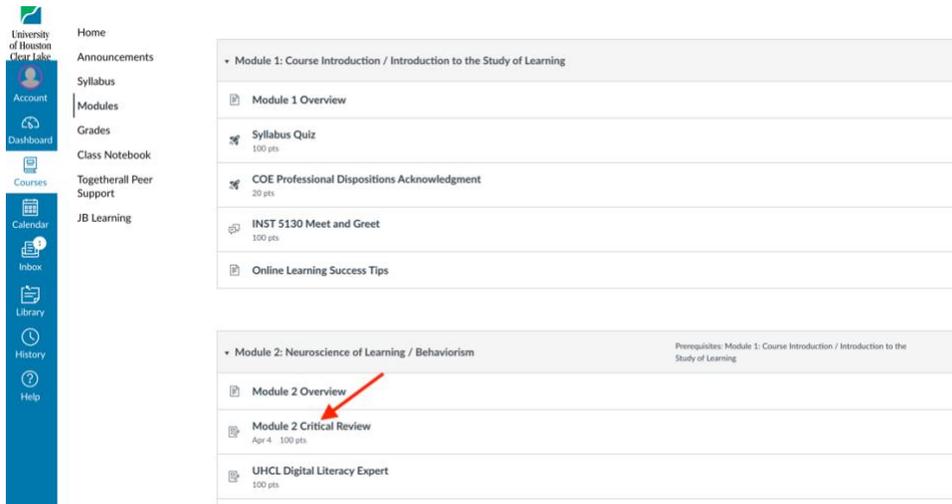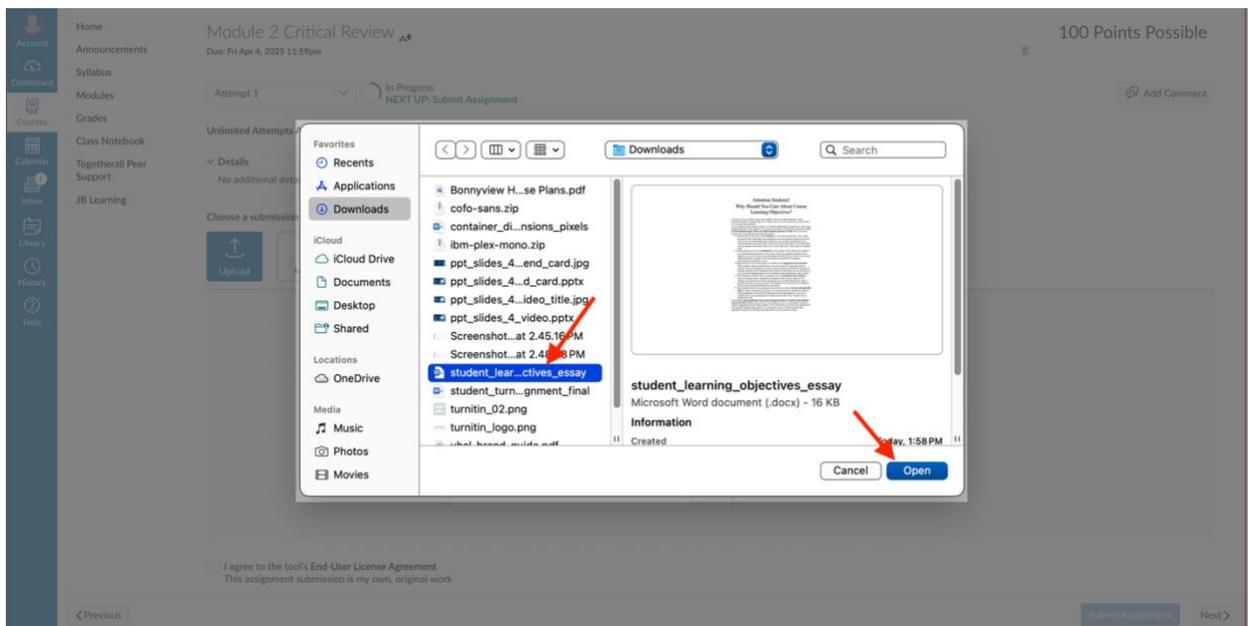

2. At the Assignment submission screen, begin by uploading the file you want to submit. You can use the **Upload button**, **drag and drop the file** from your device, **click the "Choose a file to upload link"** in the drag and drop area, or click anywhere in the drag and drop area. For this tutorial, we'll click the drag-and-drop area to get started.
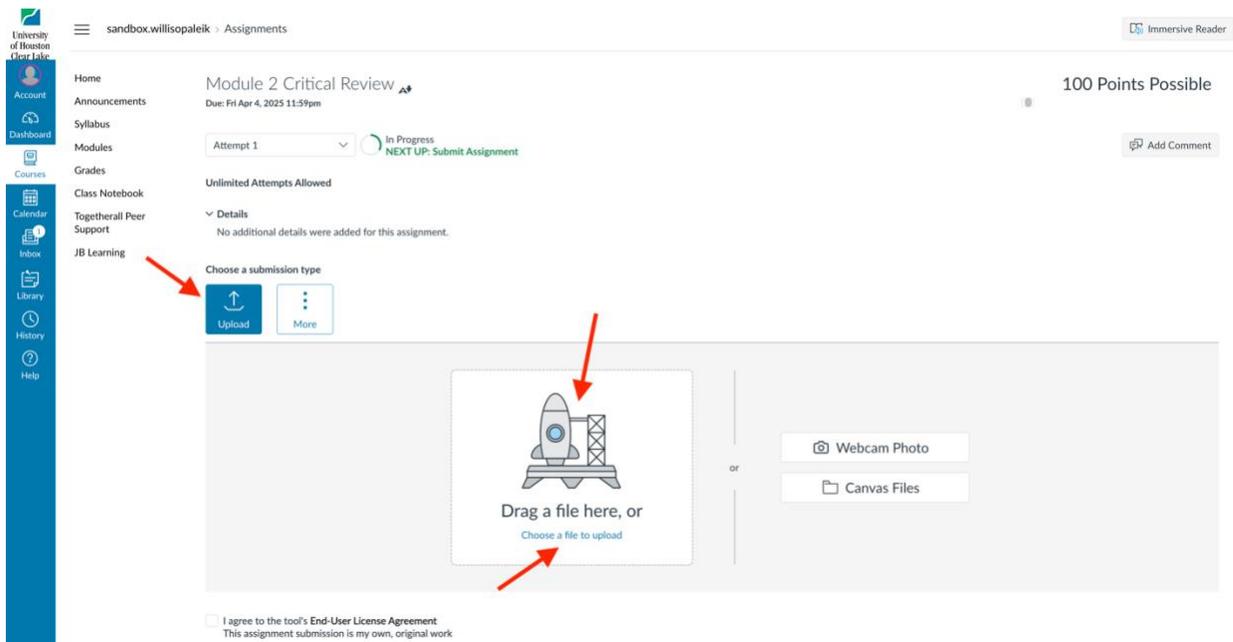

3. When you opt to upload a file, either using the Upload button or by clicking in the drag and drop area, you'll next see a screen at which you need to locate

and select the file you want to submit. Locate and click the **name of your file,** and then click the **Open** button to continue.

4. When you are returned to the Assignment submission screen, locate and **check the box** in the lower left with the statement, "I agree to the tool's End-User License Agreement. This submission is my own, original work." This is your acknowledgement that your submitted work will be scanned by Turnitin. Then click the **Submit Assignment** button located in the lower right of the screen.
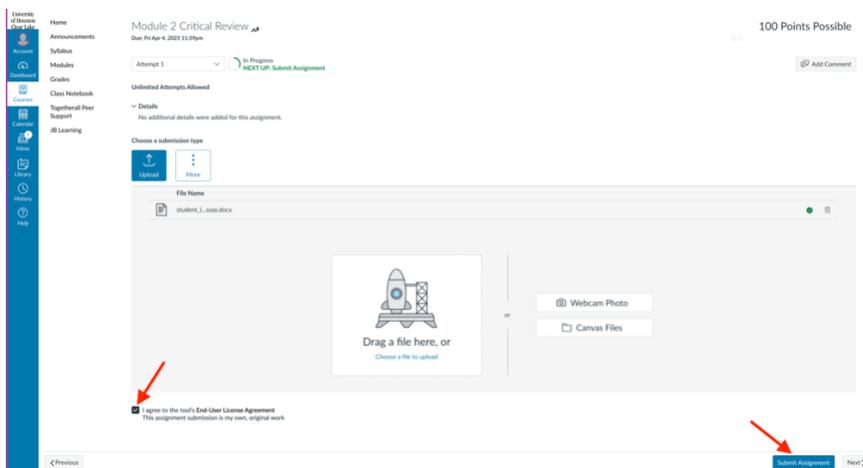
You've successfully submitted your assignment!

Conclusion

If you encounter any difficulties while following the above procedure, or if you have other Turnitin-related questions, please contact OIT's Support Center via any of the following methods:

- In Person (B2300)
- Telephone: 281.283.2828
- Email: supportcenter@uhcl.edu