Turnitin Assignments by Group

Accessing Turnitin submissions according to Group membership

What does the tool do?

The Turnitin Assignments by Group feature allows you to make use of Blackboard course Groups as a way of accessing individual work submitted to Turnitin by a specific set of students.

You could use this approach:

- Where tutors are marking work submitted by their tutor group,
- As a way of randomly assigning papers to markers,
- Where students have a choice of essay topics, with a different marker marking each topic,
- To manage double marking – different groups can be created to allocate first and second markers.

Please note:

- The tool is NOT useful as a way of marking group work, where each member of the group will receive the same mark and feedback – Turnitin does not currently provide a solution for that scenario.
- The Turnitin Assignments by Group feature does not work with the Turnitin iPad app.
- The Turnitin Assignments by Group feature is a separate from ‘Turnitin Assignments’ and there is no option to use Group tools within the main Assignment Inbox.

How do I use the tool?

You do not need to take any extra steps when creating your Turnitin submission point.

However, you do need to set up Groups on your Blackboard course. This can be done at any point but will need to be done before marking has begun.

Suggestions for the settings to use when creating Groups are provided on page 3.

Accessing Turnitin papers by Group

Go to Control Panel > Course Tools > Turnitin Assignments by Groups.
If you don’t see this option on your course, please enable it by going to Control Panel > Customisation > Tool Availability and ticking the box next to Turnitin Assignments by Groups.

You will see a list of all of the Turnitin assignments on your course, just as you would when going into ‘Turnitin Assignments’.

Select the assignment you need.

You will then be presented with a drop-down menu showing all of the Groups which exist on the course. Select the Group you require and press Go.

You will then see the Turnitin Inbox filtered to display only members of the selected Blackboard Group.

You will notice that the display is not quite the same as in the normal Turnitin Inbox, although the key functionality is still present. You can:

- Click on any of the column headers to sort the list.
- Use the search box to find a student in the list.
- Click on the score in the Originality Score/Report column to open the student’s paper in Feedback Studio with the Similarity later selected.
• Click on the submission title next to a student’s name, in the Title column, to open the student’s paper in Feedback Studio with the Grading layer selected.

Once in the Turnitin Feedback Studio everything behaves in exactly the same way as when accessed via the normal Turnitin Inbox.

**Please note**

When you have marked a student’s paper, you should close the Turnitin viewer. Don’t click on the right or left arrows at the top of the screen, as those will take you to the next student in the class as a whole — who may not be in the group you have been assigned to mark.

There is a search box, so you can easily home in on a student by first and last name or title.

**Anonymous Marking**

The Turnitin by Groups feature respects anonymous marking. When anonymity is enabled, you can still use the tool to filter the class list by Group, but you will not see the names associated with individual student submissions.

Moreover, you will not see any student grades in this interface while anonymity is enabled.
Creating Blackboard Groups – suggested settings

The Blackboard help page at https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Instructor/Interact/Course_Groups/Create_Groups provides guidance on the various types of Group available, and how to set them up.

In some cases (for instance if you are using tutorial groups) you will already have Groups set up on your course. In other scenarios, you will want to create new Groups purely as a way of facilitating the delegation of markers to papers and you may decide not to make these groups visible to students.

Likely scenarios

1. Tutorial Groups

   - Go to Control Panel > Users and Groups > Groups and choose Create > Group Set > Manual Enrol.
   - Say Yes to ‘Group is visible to students’ (since you will presumably want students within each Group to use the available communication tools).
   - Choose the tools which will be available to each Group (e.g. email, discussion board).
   - Specify the number of Groups to be created.
   - Tick Create Smart View for this group (optional – this will allow you to filter the Blackboard Grade Centre for members of this Group).
   - On the Edit Group Set Enrolments page tick the box next to ‘Hide members already in another group in this set’.
   - Add Users to each Group, and when done press Submit.

Assigning Tutors to papers – should I use Turnitin by Groups or create multiple submission points?

On some courses, where the Tutor for Group A marks all papers submitted by members of Group A, staff have set up a separate Turnitin submission point for each group.

Disadvantages of separate assignments

   - Proliferation of Turnitin assignments on the course, and in the Blackboard Grade Centre, could be difficult to navigate and manage.
   - Students may submit to the wrong inbox.
   - The ‘Email Non-Submitters’ tool in the Turnitin assignment inbox cannot be used – as this will email all students on the course, not just those in the specific tutor group.

Advantages of separate assignments

   - Markers access papers through the normal Turnitin route, with access to all of the usual functionality.
   - Markers are able to use the iPad App for marking, including offline marking.
2. Randomly assign students to markers

- Go to Control Panel > Users and Groups > Groups and choose Create > Group Set > Random Enrol.
- Say No to ‘Group is visible to students’ (these Groups will be used purely to facilitate marking, so do not need to be visible to students).
- Since the Groups will not be visible to students there is no need to specify the tools which will be available to each Group.
- Specify the number of Groups to be created.
- Tick Create Smart View for this group (optional – this will allow you to filter the Blackboard Grade Centre for members of this Group).
- When you press Submit the groups will be created and students automatically assigned to each group.

3. Choice of essay topics, one marker per topic

- The easiest way to accomplish this is through the SignUp List tool. This tool can be used to create a Blackboard group where students can self-enrol into the group.
- You will need to create a SignUp List for each essay title. For each one, do the following:
  - Go into the Assessments area of your course.
  - Click on Build Content > SignUp List
- Enter a Name and text to display to students.
• Specify the dates during which students may sign up

![SignUp Period](image)

- Under 'List Settings' you have to specify the maximum number of students who can sign up to each Group – but if you are happy for students to have complete freedom to choose, simply enter a number which is equal to or greater than the total number of students on the course.
- Under 'Groups' accept the default setting, Create New Group on Submit and 'Populate Group Automatically' – Yes.

![Groups](image)

• Now choose the settings for your Groups – the Name and description will be picked up automatically, so you will probably be able to accept all the defaults and simply press Submit.
Student view of the SignUp List

Students will see the SignUp List as shown:

Clicking on that link brings up a screen in which they can add or remove themselves from the list. Students simply press **SignUp Now** to add themselves to the list.

Once signed up, the title of the Group is added to ‘My Groups’ below the student’s view of the left hand course menu.

If students change their mind, within the permitted sign-up period, they can do by so going back to the SignUp List link, then choosing **Withdraw**.

Further help

Please see additional guides on Turnitin located on the **Support for Staff** tab in Blackboard.