# Creating a Turnitin Assignment | TAMIU eLearning
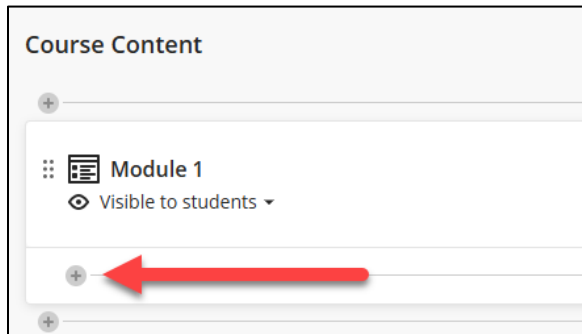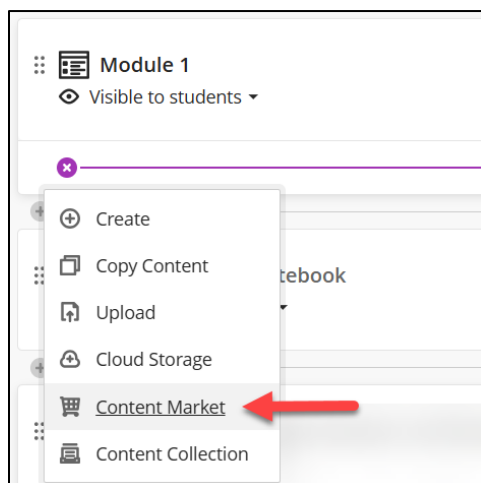
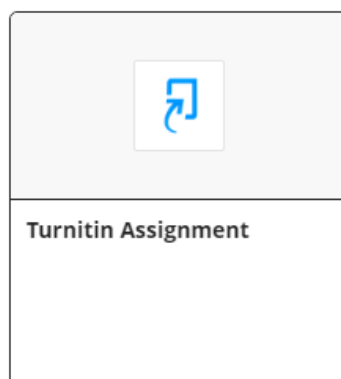## Adding a Turnitin Assignments in the Content Space

1. Choose where you wish to add your Turnitin Assignment by **selecting the plus sign (+)** at your desired location.



2. Select **Content Market**.



3. In the Content Market page, click on **Turnitin Assignment**.



4. You will then be redirected to the Turnitin site.

## Configuring the Turnitin Assignment Settings



5. Be sure to update the following sections:
   A. **Title**. This is the title of the assignment your students will see in the course.
   B. **Instructions**. This setting allows the instructor to provide instructions about the assignment.
   C. **Max Grade**. This setting allows the instructor to set a point value for the assignment. Setting a point value allows the grade to be set by rubrics (if used) and will be sent to the gradebook.
   D. **Start Date**. The date and time students can begin submitting to the assignment.
   E. **Due Date**. The date and time the students' papers are due for the assignment.
   F. **Feedback Release Date**. The date and time students can begin viewing the comments and grades instructors have left on their papers in GradeMark (not in Blackboard).

6. Update any **Optional Settings** needed for assignment. Note: To find additional information about what each optional setting means, simply hover over the question mark icon (❓). *See "Optional Settings" section for more information.*

7. Click the **Submit** button to save your settings.

8. Your new assignment can now be found in your content space.
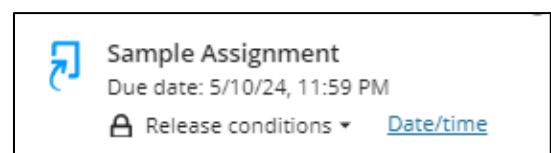
# Optional Settings

The information below will help you to understand the settings available and correctly customize the assignment.

## Submission settings

### Submit papers to (Submission storage options)

- **Standard paper repository**
Turnitin will store a copy of the submitted document only in the Standard Repository. By choosing this option, Turnitin is instructed to only use stored documents to make similarity checks against any documents submitted in the future.

- **Do not store the submitted papers**
Turnitin is instructed not to store submitted documents in any repository. Turnitin will only process the paper to perform the initial similarity check.

### Allow submissions of any file type

This setting will allow any file type to be submitted. With this option set to '**Yes,' submissions will be checked for originality where possible, submissions will be available for download,** and GradeMark feedback tools will be available where possible.

### Allow late submissions

This setting allows the instructor to select whether they will allow late submissions to the assignment. If set to '**Yes,' students will be able to submit** the assignment after the due date **if they have not previously made a submission**. If set to '**No'**, students will not be able to submit after the due date of the assignment.

### Attach a rubric

This setting allows an instructor to select or create a rubric to use when grading this assignment.

## Similarity Report

### Generate Similarity Reports for student submission

- **Generate reports immediately (students cannot resubmit)**
Similarity Reports for all submissions will be generated immediately. Students cannot resubmit papers. Submissions must be deleted by the instructor to enable resubmission.

- **Generate reports *immediately* (students can resubmit until due date)**
Students may resubmit as often as they need to until the due date. Similarity Reports for the **initial submission** and the next three resubmissions will be generated immediately. Any submissions **thereafter** will generate a Similarity Report after 24 hours. No resubmissions are allowed after the due date and time of the assignment. Once the due date and time are reached, all submissions will receive one final Similarity Report to check for collusion or newly added sources to our database. This option is typically used when students are self-reviewing and revising their submissions and can view the Similarity Report.

- **Generate reports *on due date* (students can resubmit until due date)**
Similarity Reports will not be generated for any submission until the due date and time of the assignment. Students may resubmit as many times as needed until the due date and time without receiving reports. Resubmissions may not be made after the due date and time of the assignment.

### Allow students to view Similarity Reports

This setting allows the instructor to choose whether students can view their Similarity Reports for their submissions to this assignment.

### Exclude bibliographic materials

This setting allows the instructor to choose to exclude text appearing in the bibliography, works cited, or references section of student papers from being checked for matches when generating Similarity Reports. This setting can be overridden in individual Similarity Reports.

*Exclude quoted materials*

This setting allows the instructor to choose to exclude text appearing in the quotes from being checked for matches when generating Similarity Reports. This setting can be overridden in individual Similarity Reports.

*Exclude small sources*

This setting allows the instructor to choose to exclude matches that are not of sufficient length (determined by the instructor) from being considered when generating Similarity Reports. This setting can be overridden in individual Similarity Reports.

## Compare against

These search options allow you to select the repositories that students' submissions will be checked against when processing Similarity Reports for papers. The similarity score may decrease if a repository option is unchecked (deselected).

## Excluding assignment templates

Occasionally, students are provided with templates that are submitted alongside their assignments. If all students within the class submit the same template, it will influence their Similarity Report. Templates can be uploaded to the assignment settings so that they can be automatically excluded from all students' Similarity Reports in that class. You can upload your custom template or create your own custom template on Turnitin.

**Template Requirements:**

- Uploaded files must be **less than 100 MB**. If your file exceeds 100 MB, you can reduce its size by removing any images or save the file as a rich text or plain text file. You could also copy the text from the file and paste it into the Create Custom Template text box.

- Templates must have **at least 20 words** of text.

- Accepted file types for upload: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, WordPerfect, PostScript, PDF, HTML, RTF, OpenOffice (ODT), Hangul (HWP), and plain text.

## Additional Settings

Check the box "**Save these settings for future use**" to store these settings as your default options for future assignments.

## Don't forget to submit!

Scroll to the bottom of the settings page and click the **Submit** button to save your settings.

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