As an Instructor at UC Berkeley Extension, how do I enable Turnitin in my course?
Beginning Fall 2015, Turnitin will be made available to UC Berkeley Extension via the Canvas learning management system. Turnitin is integrated with the Canvas Assignments tool and can be enabled when creating a new Assignment.

- Online course instructors: Contact support at brcoe-course-support@berkeley.edu to request that Turnitin be enabled in your courses.
- Classroom course instructors may find step-by-step instructions at: https://berkeley.service-now.com/kb_view.do?sysparm_article=KB0010873

Can Turnitin be used with Canvas Quizzes?
No, Turnitin is available for uploaded assignment files only. For assistance with using Turnitin effectively in your course, online instructors can work with their Instructional Designers and classroom instructors can contact support at brcoe-course-support@berkeley.edu.

Now that Turnitin is available, can I use it in my running course?
The general recommendation is to start using Turnitin at the start of a course section. This is important because modifying a current assignment with existing student submissions can cause data loss and confusion.

Do students know if Turnitin is being used to assess an assignment?
Yes, when submitting an assignment in Canvas, students will see a notification that the assignment has been Turnitin-enabled and students are required to tick a box to confirm their acknowledgment. For more information, review: http://guides.instructure.com/m/4212/l/64908-how-do-i-submit-a-turnitin-assignment

Do I need to inform students that Turnitin will be used in a course?
Yes, it is recommended to add a statement to your course syllabus advising that Turnitin will be used to assess assignments. Please use the sample text below or a similar statement:

This class will be using Turnitin. Turnitin is an online plagiarism detection service that matches submitted papers to a text-matching database consisting of traditional publications, Internet publications, and other UC Berkeley and UC Berkeley Extension student papers. It is a useful tool for learning proper summary, paraphrase, and quotation skills in addition to identifying overt instances of plagiarism. Further information and instructions can be found at Turnitin.com.

What kinds of files may be submitted using Turnitin?
Turnitin supports the following file formats:
- Microsoft Word™ (DOC and DOCX)
- Microsoft PowerPoint (PPT, PPTX, and PPS)
- HTML
- Adobe PostScript®
- Plain text (TXT)
- Rich Text Format (RTF)
- Portable Document Format (PDF)
Files submitted using Turnitin must be 20MB or less (TXT files must be 2MB or less). PDF documents submitted via Turnitin must have OCR enabled so that their text can be copied-and-pasted. Spreadsheets (such as Excel files) are not supported by Turnitin at this time.

Where can instructors review Turnitin Originality Check plagiarism detection reports?
After student work is submitted via Turnitin, an “Originality Check” report will be generated, showing the amount of content in a student’s essay that matches material from other sources. These Originality Check reports may be reviewed in the Gradebook (http://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/75097-can-i-see-turnitin-feedback-in-the-gradebook) or SpeedGrader (http://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/64431-how-does-turnitin-work-in-the-speedgrader).

Where can students review Turnitin Originality Check plagiarism detection reports?
Whether and when students have access to their own Originality Check reports is at the discretion of instructors. If an instructor allows students to review their own Originality Check reports, they may allow this either at the time an assignment is submitted or after grades have been released. If an instructor has allowed students to review their own Originality Check reports, students can do so in the course Grades area (even if the assignment has not yet been graded).

Assignments are configured with the default setting of allowing students to review their own Originality Check reports immediately after the student submits a file. This setting can be changed by editing the assignment’s “Advanced Turnitin Settings”: http://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/40741-how-do-i-enable-turnitin-for-an-assignment

What information does the Originality Check report include?
For all work submitted using Turnitin, Turnitin generates a Similarity Index score. This is a percentage ranging from 0-100, indicating how much of a student’s written work matched material from other sources. This report also includes a highlighted color-coded version of the student’s original submission, showing which passages match other sources, and what those sources were. Detailed information on Originality Check reports is available from Turnitin: http://turnitin.com/en_us/training/student-training/viewing-originality-reports

Does a high Similarity Index score always indicate plagiarism? Does a low Similarity Index score indicate that there was not any plagiarism?
A very high number can indicate academic integrity issues. However, even essays generating a low Similarity Index score may still have problematic material. For example, an essay with an Originality Check score of 20% could include a long uncited passage from another source that would generally constitute plagiarism, while the same score could also indicate that the student had used similar phrases and sentence mechanics as other authors in a way that did not indicate any academic integrity issues. Instructors using Turnitin are strongly encouraged to review Originality Check reports in detail rather than relying only on the numeric score assigned.
What do the colored flags next to each Originality Check score indicate?
Turnitin assigns a colored flag to each Originality Check report. These flag colors indicate the following:

- **Blue**: No content matches other sources
- **Green**: Up to 24% of content matches other sources
- **Yellow**: Between 25-49% of content matches other sources
- **Orange**: Between 50-74% of content matches other sources
- **Red**: Between 74-100% of content matches other sources

Instructors are strongly encouraged to review Originality Check reports in detail rather than relying entirely on Similarity Index scores. Although a blue flag indicates a very low possibility of plagiarism and a red flag indicates a very high possibility of plagiarism, Turnitin Originality Check reports may potentially include false positives where common phrases or quoted materials are misidentified as possible incidents of academic misconduct.

Is it possible to exclude some material from the Originality Check reports such as quotes, short phrases or bibliographies?
Yes. By default, short phrases are excluded from Originality Check reports to reduce the potential of student work being incorrectly flagged as unoriginal. Instructors may also choose to exclude additional types of content from Originality Check reports including quoted material and bibliographies. If you choose to exclude quoted material from your Originality Check reports, pay close attention to whether students followed proper attribution when using quotes in their essays.

What happens to student work after it is submitted using Turnitin?
When student work is submitted to Turnitin using Canvas, by default it is saved to a private UC-Berkeley-only repository of student work. Future assignments submitted at UC Berkeley Extension using Turnitin will be compared to previous UC Berkeley submissions as part of the Originality Check feature. UC Berkeley's private repository is restricted to UC Berkeley and UC Berkeley Extension campuses only, and UC Berkeley's private repository of student work is never used by other universities when checking the originality of their student work.

Additional information and support
For more information, please refer to:
https://www.ets.berkeley.edu/discover-services/academic-integrity/turnitin-instructors-getting-started

For Turnitin and Canvas support, please contact:
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