Using Turnitin in PebblePad…

Turnitin integration with ATLAS allows for student PebblePad submissions to be checked for similarity and marked using Turnitin commenting tools and Turnitin rubrics. The mark from Turnitin will go across to grade centre. However, please note that this mark will be overwritten in grade centre if a mark is subsequently given to the PebblePad submission through Feedback on an asset.

Limitations of Turnitin in PebblePad

- To create a similarity report Turnitin will convert the student submission (Workbook, Portfolio) to a pdf before comparing it to Turnitin’s database of sources. The resulting similarity percentage will probably be artificially high because the pdf will include all the instructions, Hints, etc. which will lead to matches of these between submissions. This should be considered when interpreting the similarity report.
- The created pdf is not able to include any scans of documents attached as evidence by students. Any material that needs to be run through similarity checking must be input directly into a text box in the Workbook or Portfolio rather than attached.

Turnitin integration is a seven-step process:

STEP ONE: Connect Your Workspace and PebblePad Assignment(s) to Turnitin
STEP TWO: Edit the Turnitin Assignment Settings
STEP THREE: Send Student Submissions to Turnitin
STEP FOUR: Mark the Submissions in Turnitin
STEP FIVE: Synchronise the Turnitin marks with ATLAS
STEP SIX: Release the Turnitin marks and feedback to Students
STEP SEVEN: Students view their Turnitin marks, feedback, and similarity reports through ATLAS
STEP ONE: Connect Your Workspace and PebblePad Assignments to Turnitin

Set up your Workspace and Assignment(s), and before connecting your Workspace and Assignment(s) to Turnitin, you will need to ensure that the workspace is Active. You only need to Activate the Workspace once by selecting the green ‘Activate’ button in the top right corner of the page. The button will then change to ‘Archive’ as shown in the image below.

Once you have an active Workspace and assignment(s) set up, navigate to the Management area (A) of the Workspace and click on the Turnitin tab (B) to access the Turnitin page. On this page you will see the Workspace and a list of the assignments. Each has a status column that shows whether or not they are currently connected to Turnitin. A green tick indicates a successful connection.

Please note: If you have a single assignment it will be automatically connected to Turnitin when the Workspace is connected. Once connected, any subsequent changes to the Workspace or assignment settings will be synchronised with Turnitin.
STEP TWO: Edit the Turnitin Assignment Settings

You can check, and edit if required, the assignment settings that are related to Turnitin. The Advanced Turnitin Settings are similar to the Optional Settings in a standard Turnitin assignment.

1. On the Assignments page, click on Show Advanced Turnitin Settings.

2. Choose your required option for generating the similarity reports – allow resubmissions.

3. Submitting to the Standard Repository improves and grows the Turnitin database of student submissions by letting it keep a copy of each submission. This is necessary to check one student submission against another.

Submit Papers To - Determines which repository the student paper submissions will be stored in.
4. Choose the small match exclusion type – including small matches can help to ensure that the whole submission is scanned properly

Small Match Exclusion Type - Determines how to treat small matches in the Similarity Report.

- Don’t exclude small matches
- Exclude small matches by word count
- Exclude small matches by percentage of paper length

If you do choose to exclude small matches, set the threshold (number of words, or percentage of paper length).

Small Match Exclusion Threshold - Determines the threshold to use when excluding small matches.

5. Choose the remaining setting options:
- Tick Author Similarity Report Access – to allow the students to see the similarity reports and improve their work
- Tick Submitted Documents Check – to allow a check against all students papers in the Turnitin database
- Tick Internet Check – to allow a check against Turnitin’s internet content
- Tick Publications Check – to allow a check against Turnitin’s publication content

Bibliography Excluded and Quoted Excluded – TurnItIn can and does get these exclusions wrong due to the myriad ways that students format their Assignments. Leaving these unticked ensures that the whole document is scanned properly

Anonymous Marking – probably leave unticked for no anonymous marking

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STEP THREE: Send Student Submissions to Turnitin

With PebblePad, staff send the student submissions to Turnitin. (Note that this differs from the experience using Turnitin in Blackboard where students submit to Turnitin themselves.) You can send the student submissions to Turnitin either by selecting them from the Submissions page or through the Turnitin information page.

From the Submissions page:
- Select the student submission(s) using the check box(es)
- Click on Submit to Turnitin from the Turnitin dropdown

- You will be asked to confirm the submission(s)
From the Turnitin Information page:

1. Select Turnitin from the Turnitin dropdown

2. You can submit, or re-submit, all the student submissions, or just those that have not yet been sent to Turnitin.

Please allow some time for the submission process to complete, depending on the number of submissions. You will receive an email once all the submissions have been sent.
STEP FOUR: Mark the Submissions in Turnitin

After submitting to Turnitin the student submission can be viewed and marked through Turnitin Feedback Studio using the Turnitin commenting tools and a Turnitin rubric if required. Each student submission is accessed in Turnitin from the Turnitin icon on the Submissions page.

Click on Open Similarity Report in Turnitin or Open Grademark in Turnitin – either will take you to Feedback Studio.

To Mark with a Turnitin Rubric:
Before marking with a Turnitin rubric, the rubric will need to be attached to the assignment. Turnitin rubrics are created through Turnitin and stored in your Turnitin Rubric/Form Manager library.

A Turnitin rubric is attached to the assignment through a submission to the assignment. This could be the first student submission or a trial submission from any member of the workspace. Note: the rubric is only attached once. If you see that a rubric is attached to an assignment, do not remove the rubric after marking has started or you will lose all your marking.

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To attach a rubric:
1. Click on the Turnitin icon against a submission
2. Open Feedback Studio (from Open Similarity Report in Turnitin or Open Grademark in Turnitin) and click on the rubric icon
3. Then click on the little cog icon on the right-hand-side. This will take you to your rubric library.

4. Click on the three line burger menu to choose an existing rubric or create a new rubric.

5. After you have chosen a rubric, attach it to the assignment.

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6. You will then be able to mark using the rubric.
STEP FIVE: Synchronise the Turnitin marks with ATLAS

When you have finished marking the student submissions in Turnitin the next step is to synchronise the marking in Turnitin with ATLAS. From the Submissions page in ATLAS, click on **Synchronise with Turnitin now** from the Turnitin dropdown.

![Synchronise with Turnitin in ATLAS](image)

You can also Synchronise with Turnitin from the Turnitin information page.

![Synchronise with Turnitin in Turnitin](image)
Synchronising allows the Turnitin similarity score and the Turnitin grade to be displayed in additional columns against each student submission in ATLAS. Please allow some time for this to complete. You can check the Turnitin information page for the status of submissions. Please note: student submissions will be automatically synchronised once an hour if you remain on the Submissions page.

You will see the similarity score and the Turnitin grade for each student under Submissions after synchronising.
STEP SIX: Release the Turnitin marks and feedback to Students

Once you have finished marking and have synchronised all the results, the next step is to release the results to students.

1. First select the submissions for which you want to release the results
2. Then click on the Turnitin dropdown and choose Turnitin

3. Choose **Release Turnitin feedback**

4. Click on Continue - this will send the Turnitin grades to Blackboard Grade Centre
5. Click on Continue again to return to Submissions

**Please note:** once the Turnitin feedback has been released, any subsequent grade (e.g. through feedback on the asset) will overwrite the Turnitin grade in grade centre. A green arrow indicates which results have been released.
STEP SEVEN: Students view their Turnitin marks, feedback, and similarity reports through ATLAS

Students are able to view the mark for their assignment through the My Grades tool in their Blackboard unit once the mark in the grade centre column is visible. However, to view their Turnitin mark, Turnitin feedback and the similarity report, students will need to enter ATLAS. From Pebble+ students can enter ATLAS by clicking on the ATLAS icon at the top of the screen.

They may need to choose the correct Workspace from the list of Active Workspaces, depending on the number of units they are enrolled in where Workspaces have been set up.

They will find their results on the Submissions page. Students can click on the Turnitin icon and choose either Open Similarity Report in Turnitin or Open Grademark in Turnitin to access Turnitin Feedback Studio.

In Feedback studio, students can view any comments added by the lecturer using the Turnitin commenting tools. To access their rubric feedback, students click on the Instructor Feedback ‘speech bubble’ icon then on View Rubric.