

Ensure Originality and Integrity

The first step to becoming a better writer

Become a better writer by learning proper research and citation practices - Encourage students with greater engagement and richer feedback.

To support this process Turnitin has identified 10 types of unoriginal work*, ranked by severity and scored by frequency of appearance. Use this tool to help easily identify the ways that information use could fall into the category of unoriginal work.

Better writing starts here!

Severity

Frequency

#1		Clone Submitting someone else's work, word-for-word, as one's own	9.5
#2		CTRL-C Containing significant portions of text from a single source without alterations	8.9
#3		CTRL-F Finding and replacing key words and phrases but retaining the essential content of the sources	3.9
#4		Remix Mixing paraphrased material from multiple sources	5.6
#5		Recycle Borrowing generously from one's previous work without citation	5.5
#6		Hybrid Combining perfectly cited sources with copied passages without citation	.5
#7		Mosaic Copied material from multiple sources, made to fit together	9.1
#8		404 Error Citing non-existent sources or including inaccurate information about sources	.6
#9		RSS Feed Including proper citation of sources but containing almost no original work	2.8
#10		Re-Post Including proper citation but relying too closely on the text's original wording and/or structure	4.4

*Based on findings from a worldwide survey of nearly 900 educators.