

INSTRUCTION FOR USING TURNITIN SIMILARITY DETECTION TOOL FOR STUDENTS

In order to foster academic literacy, integrity, and responsibility within the community, the Lithuanian Sports University applies principles of academic ethics and plagiarism prevention measures in its study and research processes. To prevent plagiarism, the University's lecturers and students use the Turnitin similarity detection tool. This tool checks submitted written works for similarity against other papers in the Standard Turnitin Repository, other repositories of previously submitted papers, and on the internet, and helps identify if sources are properly cited, giving feedback for the evaluation of works.

This Instruction provides **students** with information on how to check the text of their **written work** for similarity using the Turnitin tool. The result of this check is a Similarity Report, showing the percentage of text similarity, text similarity against other papers, and possible cases of plagiarism. The Instruction explains how to upload a written work to the Online Learning System, view the Similarity Report, and use other features provided by the tool.

Submitting a written work for similarity check

To upload a written work for text similarity check, follow these steps:

1. Log in to the Lithuanian Sports University Online Learning System (<https://emokymas.lsu.lt/#>).
2. Once logged in, select the study module in which you need to upload your written work for the similarity check. In the module, select and click on the Assignment created by the lecturer to check for similarity using the Turnitin tool (Figure 1).



Figure 1. Turnitin Assignment in the Online Learning System

3. After clicking on the Assignment, in the window-table that opens (Figure 2) you will see the Turnitin Assignment description, which should contain information about the conditions for uploading your work.

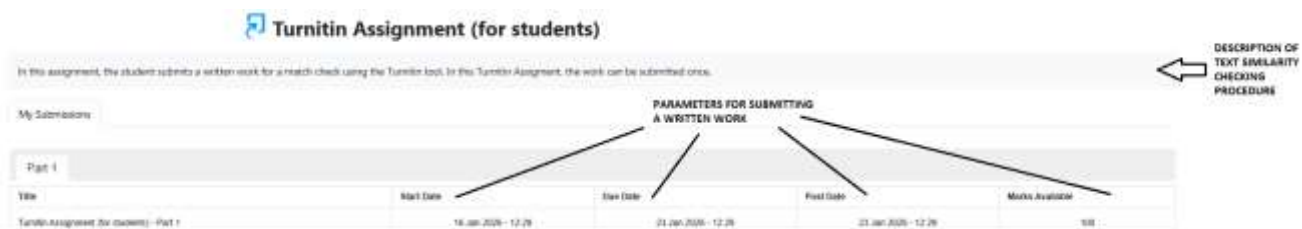


Figure 2. Description of written work requirements in the Turnitin Assignment

Important: Please note the **Start Date**, **Due Date**, and **Post Date** for your written work. The Start Date indicates the date from which you can upload your written work for the text similarity check, and the Due Date specifies the date until which you can check your written work using the Turnitin tool. The Post Date indicates the date from which you will be able to see the comments written by the lecturer and the evaluation of your work in the Turnitin Similarity Report.

4. Next to your name, select the upload icon (Figure 3) and submit your written work for the text similarity check.



Figure 3. Work submission for text similarity check

All written works uploaded to the Turnitin Assignment are checked automatically. After submitting your written work, you will receive a notification that the file has been uploaded successfully to the Turnitin system. Simultaneously, Turnitin begins generating a Similarity Report in the corresponding Assignment (marked as 'pending'), which will contain details about whether you have properly cited and referenced the sources used in your paper. The Report shall be generated within 2 minutes. If the lecturer allows to resubmit an Assignment (for example, after completing necessary corrections), a new Similarity Report will be generated upon resubmission. The Report for an Assignment is generated immediately for the first three (3) times, and for the fourth and subsequent times the report is generated within 24 hours.

Important: The procedure for uploading a written work for similarity check may vary depending on the parameters set by the lecturer. For example, you may be required to submit your work in parts. Moreover,

the lecturer may provide an individual scale of assessment criteria or stipulate that resubmission of works for the similarity check is allowed. All conditions related to the similarity check may be found in the description of the Turnitin Assignment.

5. Review the generated Similarity Report.

Similarity Report

Once Turnitin displays the percentage of similarity for the submitted work, you can see the date of submission, receive a Digital Receipt containing information about the submitted paper, and check the generated Similarity Report. To open the Similarity Report, click the generated percentage of similarity or the title of your work (Figure 4).

Submission Title	Turnitin Paper ID	Submitted	Similarity	Grade
Index 2	2018071804	18/03/23, 11:00	97%	18/100

Figure 4. Submission information in the Turnitin system

Viewing the Turnitin Similarity Report (in the Feedback Studio) allows you to examine the detected text similarities in more detail. To view the full list of similarities, click on the red box with the similarity percentage in the table on the right hand side of your Similarity Report (Figure 5). In the window that opens, you will see a list of original sources and the percentage of overlap with these sources detected in your work. In the Similarity Report of the submitted written work, all text matches are marked with colours, forming a general list of matching sources found. Identical sources in the text are marked with the same colour.

Source	Similarity Percentage
Source 1	97%
Source 2	98%
Source 3	12%
Source 4	11%
Source 5	11%
Source 6	10%
Source 7	8%
Source 8	7%

Figure 5. Similarity Report

The use of part or parts of your previously published work without indicating the original source in the text and in the list of references is considered self-plagiarism. However, a match with your own written work may also appear if you have uploaded the same document to Turnitin more than once – this is not considered self-plagiarism. The Report may also highlight quotes, bibliographies, and low-volume text as matches, which can be filtered out using Filters and Settings (Figure 6), as these are not considered plagiarism. There may be similarities that are not considered plagiarism, but there must be no instances of plagiarism (including self-plagiarism).

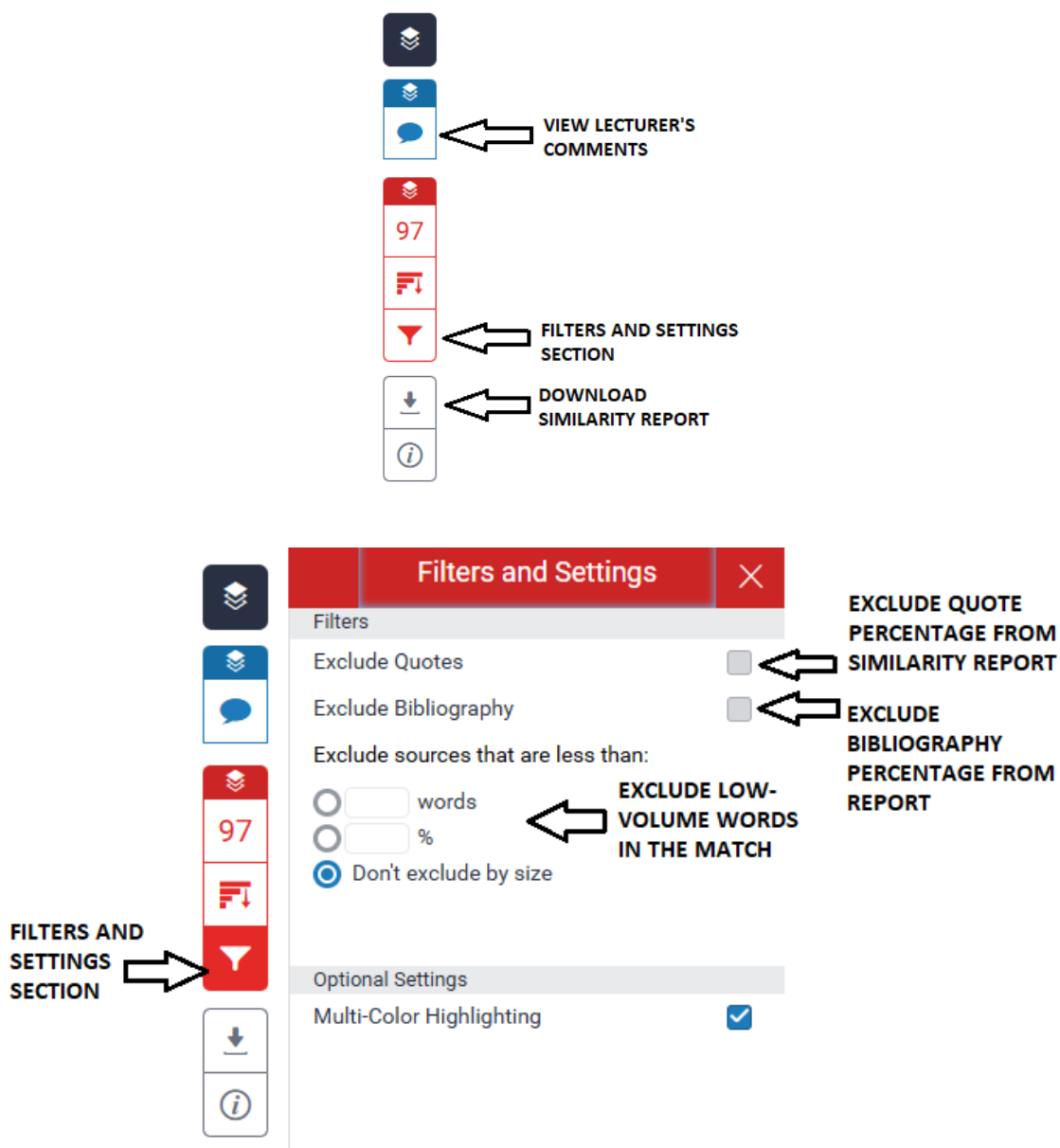


Figure 6. Filters and Settings of the Similarity Report

If the lecturer identifies instances of plagiarism or areas requiring editing, he may leave a general comment or separate remarks in the Report regarding similarities, citations, paraphrasing, the use of artificial intelligence, etc. To view the comments made by the lecturer, click on the Feedback tab or the comment icon on the right hand side of the Similarity Report (Figure 6). You may also download the Similarity Report for further reviewing.