



Blackboard Tips & Tricks

Blackboard Assignments vs Turnitin Assignments

There are two tools available within Blackboard for faculty to collect electronic paper assignment submissions: 1) the Blackboard Assignment tool, and 2) the Turnitin Assignment tool. The table below compares features available in both tools to help faculty identify the best one for their needs.

Feature/Option	Blackboard Assignment	Turnitin Assignment
Students can upload their own files.	Yes	Yes
Faculty can grade online	No (must download, markup and return the file through Blackboard)	Yes (using GradeMark)
Faculty can upload a file for a student.	No	Yes
Can be configured to allow for late student submissions.	Yes, if the student already has one submission No, if the student has no submissions (unless via an Adaptive Release rule)	Yes (one late submission, that will be flagged as LATE)
Can be configured to allow students to upload multiple files within a single assignment.	Yes (single column in Grade Center)	No
Can be configured to allow students to upload a single file multiple times (showing progression).	No	Yes (using Revision Assignment, multiple columns in Grade Center)
Can be configured to allow for group submissions (one member of the group uploads a paper and the grade given is recorded in the Grade Center for each student in that group).	Yes	No
Can be configured to check for proper citation.	No	Yes
Can be configured to include an interactive rubric for grading	Yes	Yes
Can be configured to allow a peer review option.	No	Yes (using PeerMark, based upon a Turnitin paper submission)
Can be configured to automatically check grammar, spelling, usage, mechanics, and/or writing style	No	Yes
Includes an option to record voice feedback to student.	No	Yes
Automatically creates a column in the Grade Center	Yes	Yes
Affords an option to grade anonymously.	Yes	No