



Blackboard Tips & Tricks

Student Use of Turnitin's PeerMark

1. PeerMark assignments are based upon an existing Turnitin paper assignment. Be sure to meet the submission deadline for the Turnitin assignment, otherwise there will be no paper from you to be reviewed by your peers within the PeerMark assignment.

PeerMark assignments, while based upon a Turnitin paper assignment, are separate, secondary assignments from the Turnitin assignment and are accessed through their own link. They are also date driven so be sure to complete your peer review(s) during the published timeframe.

2. Turnitin papers should be **double spaced** in order to facilitate the peer review process, thereby allowing adequate room for reviewers to make inline comments and provide feedback.

3. Turnitin papers should be submitted *without* the student's name or other personally identifying information if: 1) the paper will be submitted to the global Turnitin student paper repository and/or 2) the PeerMark assignment is supposed to be anonymous from the reviewer's perspective.

4. There have been some reported issues in Internet Explorer when adding lengthy open ended feedback in a PeerMark assignment. Those issues can be avoided by using Firefox or another browser.

5. Students who are assigned more than one paper to review, after submitting their first review, are returned to a screen where it appears that the paper they just reviewed is still pending review. Navigating back out to and clicking upon the PeerMark assignment link will refresh the screen to accurately show the reviewer his or her progress in the review process.

6. Turnitin is unavailable during bi-monthly maintenance times the first and third Saturdays of the month from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

If you have checked all of the above and still have questions, contact Information Technology Services by phone at 618-650-5500 or by email at ftc_help@siue.edu.