Introduction
Recent changes to the UWA Policy on Assessment encourage Unit Coordinators to use text matching applications on digitally submitted work.

Turnitin is a text matching application used for some assignments at UWA. This guide explains how to access the Originality Report on your assignment.

Originality checking
Assignments submitted through Turnitin are compared against databases containing millions of journal articles, past papers, and websites. An Originality Report is generated that highlights any text matches found and their suspected sources. Your own paper is added to the database for future submissions to be compared against.

The report does not determine if your assignment is correctly referenced. A text match does not necessarily signal plagiarism and a lack of matches does not in itself confirm that no academic misconduct has occurred.

Accessing your Originality Report

1. First, click on the link in the unit where you originally submitted the assignment.
2. You will be taken to the LMS Turnitin assignment dashboard. Select the Assignment Inbox tab. Click on the block of colour (or the % value) in the Similarity column to access the Originality Report.

You will be presented with the Originality Report within the Turnitin Document Viewer. Ensure that the Originality button is selected (it is red when selected).
A video of how to view the Originality Report is available at https://vimeo.com/29333644.

About Originality Report Availability

Unit coordinators can control whether or not Originality Reports are visible to students, and when.

If your unit coordinator makes Originality Reports available at submission: the report on your initial submission is generated within 10-15 minutes. If multiple submissions are permitted, subsequent reports take 24 hours. While the Originality Report is being generated, the Similarity column will display Pending.

If your unit coordinator makes Originality Reports available at the due date: you will be able to view the report after the assignment due date, and you will not be able to resubmit.

If your unit coordinator does not make the Originality Report available: you may receive the message ‘Originality Report Unavailable’, or see the following message at the bottom of the Submissions Inbox page: **Note: Students are not able to view originality reports for this assignment.**

For more information about Turnitin originality reports, visit the LMS help site.

For further information and advice about citing your sources, visit the Library’s referencing guide or stop by the WriteSmart drop-in sessions for expert advice on incorporating outside sources in work from librarians and learning advisors.

Have any questions?
Get help online through AskUWA or in person at the information desk in the subject libraries.