

The Turnit-Ins and Outs of Integrating with Canvas

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Turnitin within Canvas - Advantages

- Never leave Canvas – no need to log into Turnitin website
- Automatically creates a Turnitin user account if one doesn't already exist.
 - For both instructor and student
- View Turnitin reports (Feedback Studio) from Canvas
- Ease of grading using Speedgrader and rubrics
- Synchronized date settings

Turnitin within Canvas - Disadvantages

- Canvas settings vs Turnitin settings
- Confusion with dates
- Canvas Rubric not visible as it normally should (but still exists and available in Speedgrader)
- Cannot use with Group assignments
- Cannot test in Student View

Setting up an assignment using Turnitin

- Turnitin must be enabled for a Canvas assignment before students begin uploading their submissions.
- Under Submission Type, select External Tool. Select **Find**, scroll down and select **Turnitin Assignment**.
- Set all other assignment settings as you need (points, dates, etc).
- It **can** be that simple!
- **Well...**

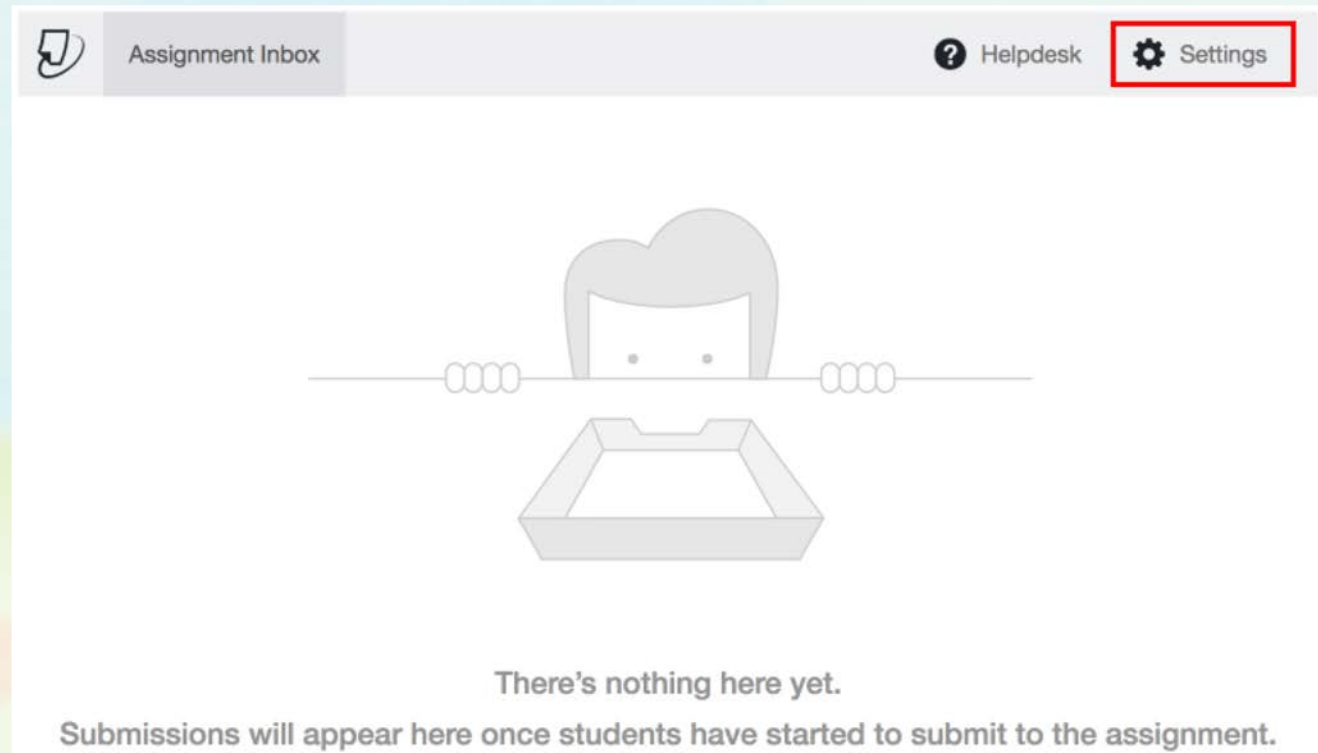
Things you should know!

Rubrics

- If using a Canvas Rubric, it must be created before setting up the Turnitin integration.
- If already have Turnitin set up, it is possible to disable it, create a rubric, then re-enable Turnitin.
- Turnitin has its own rubric option, but cannot use with Speedgrader, must be used if marking within Turnitin Feedback Studio

Things you should know!

- Turnitin has its own settings. Be aware!



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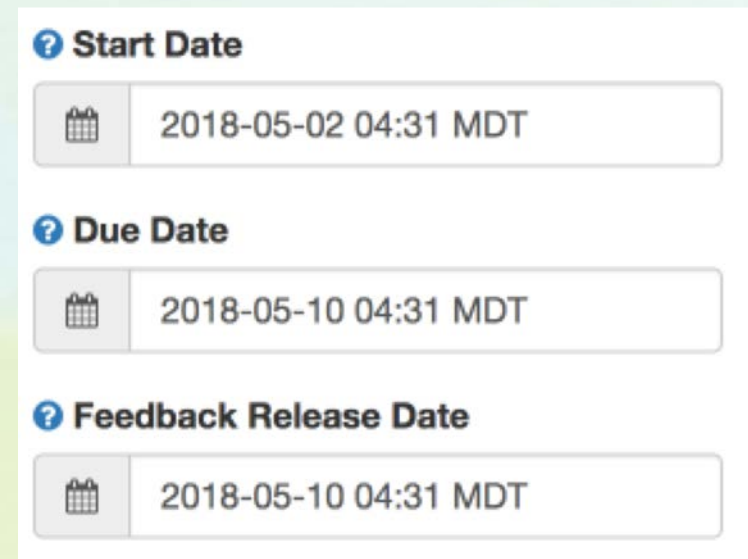
Things you should know!

- If you don't set dates in Canvas, Turnitin will set its own default dates based on assignment creation date.

An assignment was created May 2 at 9:31pm

- Start Date begins 17 hours earlier
- End Date ends 8 days later from Start Date
- Feedback Release Date same as End Date

And... you cannot leave these fields blank!



The screenshot shows three date selection fields in a vertical list. Each field has a question mark icon on the left and a calendar icon on the left of the input box. The first field is labeled 'Start Date' and contains the text '2018-05-02 04:31 MDT'. The second field is labeled 'Due Date' and contains the text '2018-05-10 04:31 MDT'. The third field is labeled 'Feedback Release Date' and contains the text '2018-05-10 04:31 MDT'.

? Start Date	2018-05-02 04:31 MDT
? Due Date	2018-05-10 04:31 MDT
? Feedback Release Date	2018-05-10 04:31 MDT

Things you should know!

- “Available from” and “Until” dates in the Canvas settings synchronize with the “Start” and “Due” dates in the Turnitin settings.
- No synching with Feedback Release Date (must be after Start Date)

The image shows a side-by-side comparison of date settings in Canvas and Turnitin. On the left, the Canvas interface shows a 'Due' date of 'May 18 11:59pm' (Fri May 18, 2018 11:59pm). Below it, 'Available from' is set to 'May 1 12am' (Tue May 1, 2018) and 'Until' is set to 'May 18 11:59pm' (Fri May 18, 2018 11:59pm). On the right, the Turnitin interface shows 'Start Date' as '2018-05-01 00:00 MDT', 'Due Date' as '2018-05-18 23:59 MDT', and 'Feedback Release Date' as '2018-05-01 21:36 MDT'. Blue and green boxes highlight the 'Available from' and 'Until' fields in Canvas, and the 'Start Date' and 'Due Date' fields in Turnitin, with lines connecting them to show synchronization. The 'Feedback Release Date' field in Turnitin is not highlighted. A text box on the right states 'Greyed out, cannot edit'.

Canvas	Turnitin
Due: May 18 11:59pm (Fri May 18, 2018 11:59pm)	Start Date: 2018-05-01 00:00 MDT
Available from: May 1 12am (Tue May 1, 2018)	Due Date: 2018-05-18 23:59 MDT
Until: May 18 11:59pm (Fri May 18, 2018 11:59pm)	Feedback Release Date: 2018-05-01 21:36 MDT

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Things you should know!

- When using Differentiated dates, the latest Due date will synchronize with Turnitin.

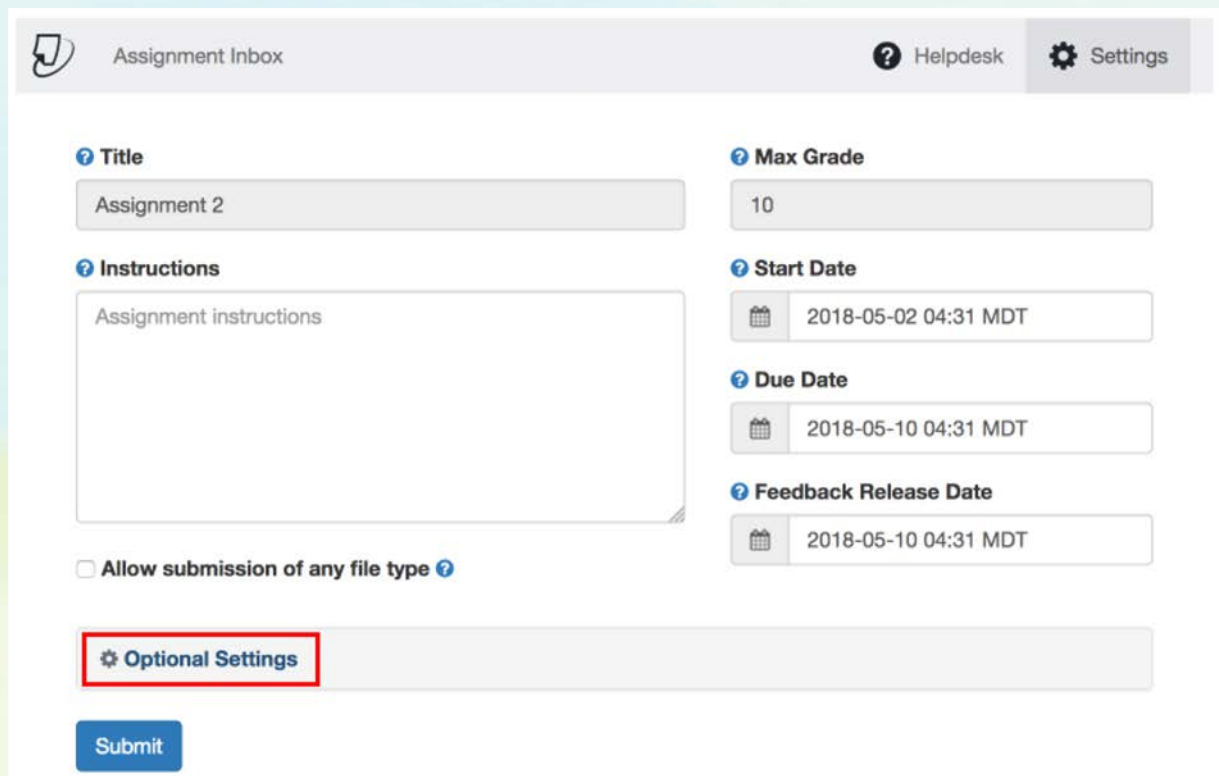
The screenshot shows three assignment cards in the Canvas LMS interface. Each card has an 'Assign to' field, a 'Due' field, an 'Available from' field, and an 'Until' field. The first card is assigned to 'EET Student' and has an 'Until' date of 'May 24 11:59pm' (Thu May 24, 2018 11:59pm) highlighted with a red box. The second card is assigned to 'DLT Student' and has an 'Until' date of 'May 21 11:59pm' (Mon May 21, 2018 11:59pm). The third card is assigned to 'Everyone Else' and has an 'Until' date of 'May 18 11:59pm' (Fri May 18, 2018 11:59pm). An '+ Add' button is visible at the bottom of the list.

This close-up shows the 'Due Date' field in the Canvas LMS interface. The date is '2018-05-24 23:59 MDT' and is highlighted with a red box. Above it is the 'Start Date' field with the value '2018-05-01 00:00 MDT'. Below it is the 'Feedback Release Date' field with the value '2018-05-10 21:36 MDT'.

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Things you should know!

- Turnitin “Optional Settings”



The screenshot shows the 'Assignment Inbox' settings page in Canvas LMS. The page has a header with 'Assignment Inbox', 'Helpdesk', and 'Settings' tabs. The main content area contains several settings:

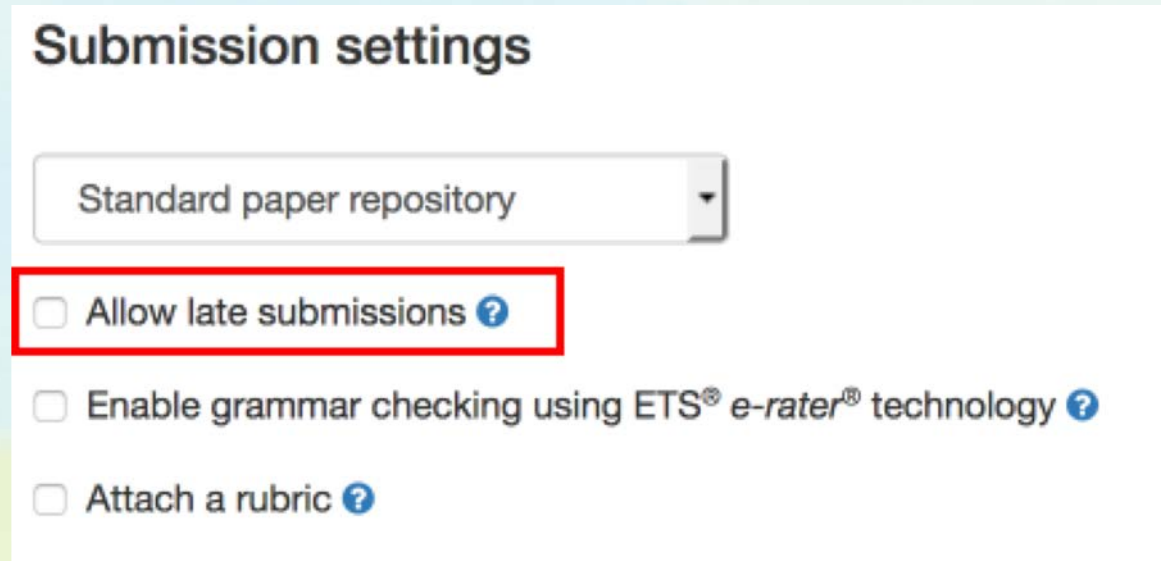
- Title:** Assignment 2
- Max Grade:** 10
- Instructions:** Assignment instructions
- Start Date:** 2018-05-02 04:31 MDT
- Due Date:** 2018-05-10 04:31 MDT
- Feedback Release Date:** 2018-05-10 04:31 MDT
- Allow submission of any file type
- Optional Settings** (highlighted with a red box)

A 'Submit' button is located at the bottom of the form.

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- Turnitin “Optional Settings”

A screenshot of the Turnitin 'Submission settings' interface. At the top, the title 'Submission settings' is displayed. Below it is a dropdown menu currently set to 'Standard paper repository'. Underneath the dropdown are three unchecked checkboxes, each with a help icon (a question mark in a blue circle). The first checkbox is 'Allow late submissions', which is highlighted with a red rectangular border. The second checkbox is 'Enable grammar checking using ETS® e-rater® technology'. The third checkbox is 'Attach a rubric'.

- “Allow late submissions” applies to all students
- **Canvas Due Date will override this!**

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- Turnitin “Optional Settings”

Similarity Report

Generate reports immediately (students cannot resubmit)
Generate reports immediately (students can resubmit until due date): After 3 resubmissions, reports generate after 24 hours
Generate reports on due date (students can resubmit until due date)

Generate reports immediately (stuc ▾)

Allow students to view Similarity Reports [?](#)

Exclude bibliographic materials [?](#)

Exclude quoted materials [?](#)

Exclude small sources [?](#)

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Error Messages

- Usually caused by a date conflict
- Unable to access Turnitin settings until error is resolved

Error Messages

Sorry, we could not process your request.

Turnitin assignment could not be created.
date_post - post date must be after start date

- “Available From” Date in Canvas must be dated prior to the “Feedback Release Date” in Turnitin.
- Remove “Available From” date from Canvas assignment settings, go to Turnitin settings and change “Feedback Release Date” to something later than your intended start date”. Re-enter your “Available From” date in assignment settings.

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Error Messages

Sorry, we could not process your request.

Turnitin assignment could not be created.

date_start - start date can not be more than 1 year in the past.

- “Available From” Date in Canvas must be less than 1 year in the past.