Welcome to the session!

• Please use the chat to say hi and let us know which department you are from
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While you are waiting: what is plagiarism? Please share your thoughts and definitions in the chat.
Plagiarism and Unfair Means

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Merriam-Webster Dictionary
“For the first time in human history, our vision of empowering every person on the planet to share in the sum of all knowledge is within reach.”

Information overload
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Plagiarism can be:

Intentional:
- Passing off someone else’s ideas as your own

Unintentional:
- Incorrect referencing of sources
- Forgetting to include full citations
• You build your own ideas on a foundation of existing knowledge
• Referenced sources are your building blocks
• Your bibliography provides a blueprint for your reader
● Without references and a bibliography, your structure becomes unstable
● Your reader won’t be able to understand how you have built it
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The aim is to demonstrate that you have not only read, but also understood and interpreted the source(s)!
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A similarity/originality report is produced

- Highlights matching texts
- Percentage match with other sources

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What is Turnitin?

- Assignment Mark
- Sidebar to activate originality and feedback layers
- Feedback tools – view feedback
- Originality tools
- Download paper
- Submission information
- Layer viewing panel
- QuickMark comment to view
- Return to Classic View
- Feedback comment to view
- Highlighted text shows matches identified by the originality report
- Click here to navigate between pages

https://vle.dmu.ac.uk/dmu_common/HelpFiles/bb9TrainingStudents01/blackboard/refresh/turnitin/aboutturnitinoriginalityreport_r17.html
Get familiar with your department’s referencing style

- Check your department’s preferred style here
- The more reading you do, the more familiar that style will become
- Be consistent! Apply the style in the same way throughout your work
Top Tips

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Use citation tools

● Make your life easier by generating your citations automatically:

● But don’t forget to check them - the citation tools sometimes get them wrong!
Keep good records of EVERYTHING you read!

- It is much much easier to do it as you go rather than trying to remember later on!
- Keep a google doc or spreadsheet of your reading…
- ...or use reference management software:
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- Paraphrasing and Using Academic Sources
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