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# **GUIDE 4: CONDUCTING SIMILARITY TESTS ON TURNITIN**

To conduct a Similarity Test on Turnitin, you must first set up a Class and an Assignment.

Follow the picture guideline below:

*Step 1:* From your Assignment page, select "**Submit**" in "**More actions**" when you click on the dropdown arrow

Figure 1: Class page to enable submission

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From the above screenshot, the name of the Class is "**Academic Writing**", with two Assignments "Analysis of literary texts" and "Paraphrasing".

*Step 2:* You will be taken to a location on your computer to upload your work, e.g thesis or the work you are testing for similarity.

*Step 3:* Select a pre-filled space to enter the **author details and title** of the paper. This would be seamless if you have already enrolled the student that owns the paper.

Figure 2: Interface to complete the author and paper details

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*Step 4:* Click on the "Submit" button and wait for a few minutes for the test to be completed.

Figure 3: Submission stage

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*Step 5:* After the test is completed, you will be returned to the Submission Inbox. Click on the title, i.e "**Mitigating the effects of delays in buil...**" for the full details of the Test in the Feedback Studio.

Figure 4: The results page

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*Step 6:* From the new page (Feedback Studio), which is a view of the tested paper, select the "Similarity Tool" from a list of menus located on the right side of the document (appears vertically, 5<sup>th</sup> on the menu list).

Figure 5: Turnitin Studio for assessing the Test Results

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*Step 7*: Download the **Tested Paper** with the source matches and corresponding similarity Scores.



## Figures 6 & 7: Download the Paper

# Select "Current View" to download the test result

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#### **Interpretation of the Originality Report**

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Figure 8: An Originality Report of a Paper

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### **Excerpts from the AAMUSTED Plagiarism Policy**

1. AAMUSTED Policy guidelines on Plagiarism recommend an overall similarity index of 20% for all assessable works in the University.

- 2. Single source similarity must not exceed 1% for every item on the similarity report.
- 3. Final originality reports must be signed and endorsed by an authorised staff of the Library.

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