

# Turnitin Statement for BBC6521 Project

## 1 Introduction

Turnitin is a web-based plagiarism prevention system used by most universities in the UK. This document describes how Turnitin is used in the BBC6521 Project and the data it creates about your work.

## 2 How Turnitin works

- 2.1 A Turnitin assignment is set up by a member of staff on QMPlus. You then access this assignment online and upload your work before the due date. Turnitin will analyse the submitted work to identify text matches with other sources and will compare the work against:
  - the current and archived web;
  - previously submitted work;
  - books and journals.
- 2.2 For each piece of submitted work Turnitin provides two things:
  - A **similarity index**, which indicates the percentage of the submitted paper that Turnitin has identified as matching other sources.
  - An **originality report**, which shows each of these matches in more detail, including the source(s) that Turnitin has found.

## 3 How Turnitin is used in BBC6521 Project

- 3.1 Turnitin is used on all report submissions on QM+.
- 3.2 How we use the information provided by Turnitin
  - 3.2.1 Only academic staff will make a judgement on whether plagiarism has occurred in a piece of work. An academic may interpret the originality report to help but Turnitin itself does not make this judgement.
  - 3.2.2 We do not use a threshold percentage to identify whether plagiarism has occurred and may review any originality report in detail.
  - 3.2.3 Turnitin will highlight matching text such as references, quotations, common phrases and data tables within work that has no plagiarism issues at all. Those interpreting Turnitin reports will discount such matches and so initial percentages are often irrelevant.
  - 3.2.4 Where it is suspected that plagiarism has occurred in a piece of work, the originality report may be submitted to an Assessment Offences Panel for further investigation.

## 3.3 How you can use the information provided by Turnitin

- 3.3.1 There will be an opportunity for you to see a Turnitin report on your work before Turnitin is used on your assessed work.

- 3.3.2 No other student will be able to see an originality report on your work.
- 3.3.3 To help you understand what the report is telling you, please ensure you have followed the guidance on the E-Learning Unit's website (<https://elearning.qmul.ac.uk/guide/interpreting-your-originality-report/> )
- 3.3.4 You may find it helpful to resubmit your work after reviewing the originality report and you will generally be given one opportunity to do this. Where this is the case, the idea is to use the report to help you identify any potential issues you may not have spotted before, and not to change individual words to avoid a match.
- 3.3.5 If you have a question about your originality report that is not answered by the material linked to in 3.4.3 above, please direct these to your supervisor in the first instance.