

Using SafeAssign

SafeAssign is a tool built in to Blackboard that checks a document against a variety of sources to identify matches. It is useful to prevent plagiarism, and also to help students learn how to properly attribute sources.

How does it work?

SafeAssign creates an **Originality Report** after checking student papers against:

- A comprehensive index of documents available for public access on the Internet
- A database with professional journals, periodicals and publications, updated frequently
- A global database of all papers submitted to Safe Assign

It does not check against textbooks due to copyright protection, or password-protected websites.

How do I have student papers submitted through SafeAssign?

To have all papers for a given Assignment submitted through SafeAssign, check the box labeled "Check submissions for plagiarism using SafeAssign" when setting up or editing an Assignment. You can choose to allow students to see their reports as well.

Submission Details

If any students are enrolled in more than one group receiving the same assignment they will submit more than one attempt for the assignment.

Assignment Type: Individual Submission

Number of Attempts: Single Attempt

Plagiarism Tools:

- Check submissions for plagiarism using SafeAssign
Although SafeAssign officially supports only English, clients are welcome to use SafeAssign with other languages. See Blackboard Help for more information. If SafeAssign is enabled with Anonymous Grading, SafeAssign Originality Reports will be disabled. However, Students may still be able to see SafeAssign Originality Reports depending on the "SafeAssign originality report for their attempts" setting.
- Allow students to view SafeAssign originality report for their attempts
- Exclude submissions from the Institutional and Global References Databases

You can view an “Originality” report indicating the percentage of material that matches a published work, along with the relevant section of the published work. This allows you to quickly see whether material was properly quoted and attributed, and what percentage of student work is original.

It is up to you to interpret that report.

- Is the match acceptable? (a quote attributed to the correct source)
- Are the sources properly quoted, but the paper lacks sufficient original thought?
- Is the source cited, but the words either copied or too closely paraphrased?
- Is the language appropriated from some other source without any attribution?

The screenshot shows a Blackboard interface with a 'SafeAssign Originality Report' window. The main content area displays a preview of a document with the following text:

Running head: TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN HEALTH SCIENCE DISTANCE EDUCATION
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Telecommunications in Health Science Distance Education
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Telecommunications in Health Science Distance Education
Introduction
The topic of discussion is the role of telecommunications in health science distance education. Distance education has been around for decades, and the health sciences are one of its early adopters. The demand for medical professionals in rural areas is the driving force behind this. Equitable access to education by way of the Internet is a way to create health and medical professionals in those remote communities. This paper will look at the use of telecommunications in health sciences from the perspectives of past, present and future. In my discussion, I will talk about the implications of using new tools in an academic program and what role I play in the process of implementing them. With its infancy in low-tech correspondence courses, telecommunications has evolved to the point where distance learning

The right-hand sidebar shows the 'Report Summary' with a green checkmark and the text 'Low risk'. Below this, it states: 'These papers include some quotes and few common phrases or blocks of text that match other documents. These papers typically do not require further analysis, as there is no evidence of plagiarism.' The 'Overall Text Similarity' section shows 'Average Match' at 1% and 'Highest Match' at 1%. The 'Originality Reports (1)' section lists 'Attachment 1' with a 1% match.

Where can I find the Originality Reports?

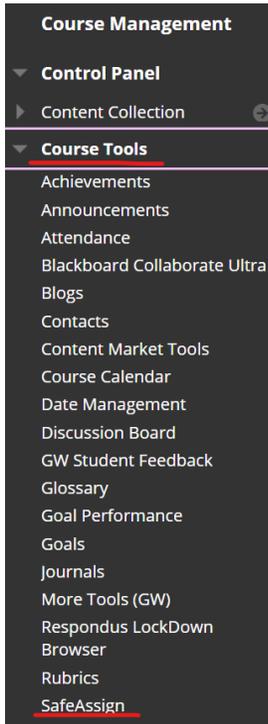
In the Grade Center for each submission, you can open the SafeAssign tab, and then view the Originality Report.

The screenshot shows the 'Assignment Details' section of the Blackboard Grade Center. It displays the following information:

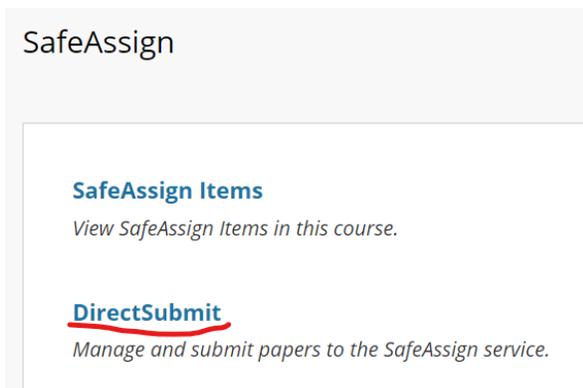
- GRADE:** LAST GRADED ATTEMPT, 97.00 / 100
- ATTEMPT:** 8/9/18 8:39 AM, 97.00 / 100
- SafeAssign:** 1% overall match (highlighted with a red line)
- SafeAssign Submission:** Final Paper - Telecommunications in Health Science Distance Education.pdf (1% match)
- View Originality Report:** A button to view the report (highlighted with a red line)

Can I submit a single paper through SafeAssign?

Yes, you can submit a single paper to SafeAssign if you have questions about its authenticity. In the Control Panel, select Course Tools, then SafeAssign.



Select "DirectSubmit" and upload the paper. The SafeAssign report will appear in this same location.



More information about SafeAssign is available at: <https://help.blackboard.com/SafeAssign/Instructor>

SafeAssign support for students is available at: <https://help.blackboard.com/SafeAssign/Student>