If you plan on using Turnitin in your Canvas courses, you have 2 options:

1. Use the native Canvas plugin which allows you to quickly setup a Turnitin assignment, but lose some Turnitin functionality
2. Configure the advanced Turnitin LTI and have access to full Turnitin functionality

The option you choose will depend on the Turnitin functionality you want to use. The quickest and easiest way to use Turnitin in Canvas is to use the Turnitin plug-in built into Canvas. Listed below are the features available if you use the “Plugin” option.

**Canvas Turnitin Plugin Features**

- Supported primarily by Instructure.
- Plug-in developed by Instructure in cooperation with iParadigms, using the publicly available Turnitin API.
- Allows access to Turnitin Originality Checking *(not GradeMark or PeerMark)* without having to leave the Canvas environment or log into Turnitin directly.
- Turnitin Originality Checking is integrated into the standard Canvas user interface, alongside other Instructure Canvas components.
- Allows unified management of assignments through the Canvas user interface.

If you do not plan on using the Turnitin interface to comment and grade papers (also known as “GradeMark”), and you do not want your students to see the originality report for their paper, this is the best option for you. Click [here](#) to view instructions on how to set up an assignment like this.

If you plan on using PeerMark or GradeMark, and you would like greater control over how/if/when students can view the originality report for their paper, you must setup the assignment to use the external Turnitin LTI. The instructions below will walk you through the process of setting up the Turnitin LTI.

**Setting up the Turnitin LTI in Canvas**

This option will provide full Turnitin functionality

Grades entered into the Turnitin interface will automatically be transferred into the Grades for the Canvas course.

Be sure to verify the correct availability and due dates in Canvas and Turnitin.

Be sure to select “Load this tool in a new tab” in Step 6. If this box is not checked, both instructors and students may have problems viewing the full Turnitin interface.
2. Click on the “+ Assignment” button to create a new assignment

3. Name the assignment
   - Type instructions to the students for this paper
   - Fill in possible points
   - Select a Grade Category
   - Select how grade will be displayed
   - For “Submission Type” select “External Tool”
4. After selecting "External Tool" click here to select Turnitin

5. Scroll to the bottom of the window, click on Turnitin, and click "Select"

6. Be sure to check the box next to “Load This Tool In A New Tab”
   Select due date and set availability
   Click “Update Assignment”
7. Click on “Load Turnitin in a new window” to enter the Turnitin interface and finish the configuration.

8. Click on the “Settings” tab to finish configuring Turnitin options.

Note that Title, Instructions, and Max Grade were pulled from the previous settings, but you will need to verify that the dates are correct.

In this case, they were not correctly transferred from the previous screen. It is important that these dates are correct in Canvas as well as Turnitin.

For advanced settings (including PeerMark options) click on “Optional settings.”
9. Optional Settings opens a large list of advanced options. If you are not sure what these settings do, click on the question mark icon next to each option.

After setting options, click “Submit”
10. If you enabled PeerMark in the optional settings, you will now see a “PeerMark Setup” tab where you can configure PeerMark options.

11. As students turn in papers, they will appear in the “Assignment Inbox.” Instructors can access this inbox by clicking on the assignment title in a module, in the “Assignments” section of the course menu (left side of browser), or the assignment title in its “Grades” column.