Turnitin Update

Release of the AI Writing Detector

In early April 2023, Turnitin incorporated an AI writing detector into the Feedback Studio + Originality platform used here at SUNY New Paltz. Now, when an instructor enables Turnitin on a Brightspace assignment, your paper will also be checked for the presence of AI writing in addition to checking for text originality.

Please note: the AI detector is only visible on the faculty dashboard, so you will not see an AI writing report, like you might see a Turnitin originality report.

Reliability and False Positives

Turnitin claims a 98% confidence rate in its ability to detect AI writing, but **Turnitin acknowledges that a 1% chance of false positives is possible**. This means it is *possible* that some of your legitimately original writing could be flagged as AI generated.

If you have writing that is flagged as AI generated, your instructor may initiate a conversation with you to discuss the originality of your paper.

Protecting Your Academic Integrity

Remember, it is a violation of the campus **Academic Integrity Policy** to submit work from any source that is not your own, including from AI writing generators. To avoid potentially difficult conversations about the originality of your paper or to demonstrate your academic integrity if such a conversation does occur, keep in mind the following tips:

- ***Only*** use AI Writing Generators if they are allowed by your instructor - if you are not sure if they are allowed, ***ask first!***
- If your instructor does allow AI Writing Generators, use them only ***when*** and ***how*** your instructor permits.
- Cite your AI sources or ideas (if AI generators are permitted).
- Keep track of all sources you used during the writing process.

- Keep drafts or use versioning to show your writing process or the evolution of your ideas.
- Be ready to explain your ideas verbally to show your full understanding of the topic.

Your academic integrity is a valuable asset, so think proactively to avoid any suspicion that the work you turn in is not your own!

Questions?

If you have any questions about the addition of this new Turnitin feature, please **submit a Brightspace Support Ticket** and an Office of Instructional Technology staff member will respond.

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