

VeriCite is an application that compares writing that you submit in Moodle to many repositories of published materials to determine if your work is original or if it matches someone else's. *Plagiarism* is using other people's ideas without giving them proper credit for it. When you do this, you're implying that the ideas are your own. Besides violating ethical standards, not providing proper attribution for the work of others is a serious infraction of academic policies which endangers your grade and your good standing in the University. Hannon Library offers several resources to help you avoid plagiarism at <http://hanlib.sou.edu/reference/plagiarism.html>. When in doubt, ask your professor or a librarian for help.

VeriCite in Moodle

If your instructor has designated an assignment for VeriCite comparison, you will see this notice as you prepare to submit your work:

Sample Assignment

Assignment instructions

Text and file submissions will be uploaded to a plagiarism detection service for instructor review.

After you submit your file, VeriCite will compare your writing to published material and provide a *similarity* score. Click on the word **Similarity** to open the comparison report. (In the example shown below, 42% of the paper submitted matched material published by others—most instructors would find that an unacceptably high number, so you'd want to go over your paper carefully and do some further editing with better attributions before making a final submission.)

Sample Assignment

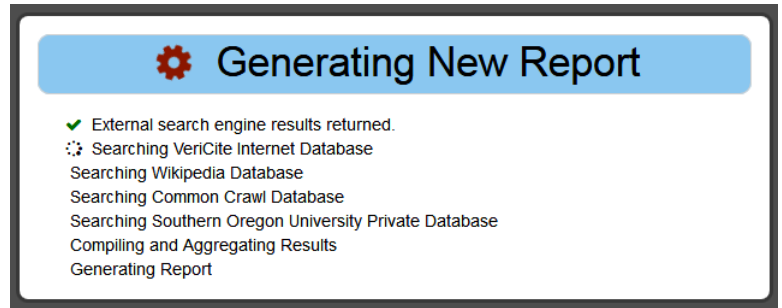
Submission status

Submission status	Submitted for grading
Grading status	Graded
Last modified	Friday, December 30, 2016, 11:16 AM
File submissions	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> The Positive Value of Attendance.docx </div> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 2px;"> Similarity: 42% </div>
Submission comments	▶ Comments (0)

Edit submission

VeriCite Assignments: Student Guide

When you click on the **Similarity** link, VerCite will open a new tab in your browser and begin generating a report. You'll see a message that looks like the one at right.



After the report has been generated, you'll see the text of your paper (without formatting) and phrases highlighted in different colors, depending on the degree to which they matched published work. A legend at the bottom of the page describes the extent to which each phrase matched; using the **Top Matches** pull-down menu, you can review the original published work that was matched. The **Details** link offers information about the assignment itself. Note that you can also **download** and **print** the similarity report. If your instructor has graded and commented on the file, **comments** will appear in blue.

The screenshot shows the VeriCite report interface. At the top, there are navigation links for "Details" and "Top Matches". The report title is "The_Positive_Value_of_Attendance" with a 42% similarity score. The main content area contains text from a document, with several callouts: "Text in italics is excluded from comparison." pointing to italicized text; "Instructor comments are in blue." pointing to blue text; "Highlighted sections match published materials." pointing to orange and yellow highlighted text; and "(User guide for faculty-- contact support.sou.edu for help.)" pointing to a green highlighted text block. At the bottom, there is a legend for match levels: Low Match (lightest yellow), Medium Match (light yellow), High Match (orange), and Very High Match (red). Below the legend are buttons for "Comment" (blue), "Excluded" (yellow), and a help icon.