

VeriCite is a plagiarism checking tool similar to Turnitin. Rather than inserting a separate kind of assignment link, VeriCite is seamlessly integrated into a standard assignment. Besides providing information about the degree of originality of student papers, VeriCite also allows you to mark up student work and save frequently used comments for future use.

## Setting Up a VeriCite Assignment

Two clicks is all it takes to set up an assignment to be reviewed by VeriCite!

- ▶ Feedback types
- ▶ Submission settings
- ▶ Group submission settings
- ▶ Notifications
- ▼ VeriCite
  - Enable VeriCite Plagiarism Service
  - Allow students to view score
  - Allow students to view reports
  - Exclude Quotes
  - Exclude Self Plagiarism
  - Store in Institutional Index
- ▶ Grade

1. When you create or update an assignment link, open the VeriCite options area.
2. Check the **Enable VeriCite Plagiarism Service** box—all of the other options will automatically be enabled.
3. Save the assignment as usual.

What do students see? When they open the assignment link, they'll see your instructions for the assignment and a notice that their work will be checked for originality:

**Sample Assignment**

Assignment instructions

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

## Viewing Similarity Reports

You can see similarity scores in either the **View all submissions** or **Grade** view after opening the assignment link. Use the **View all submissions** option for reviewing all of your students' scores in one page and choose the **Grade** view option when you're ready to provide feedback and scores on student work. This example represents Student Two's submission in both views.

To view the report, click on "Similarity." The report will open in a new tab in your browser.

**Submission**

Submitted for grading  
Graded  
Assignment was submitted 23 hours 45 mins early

- The Positive Value of Attendance.docx  
Similarity: 42%

		Student2 Two	Submitted for grading Graded	Grade / 100.00	Edit	Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 12:44 PM	The Positive Value of Attendance.docx Similarity: 42%
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# VeriCite Assignments

VeriCite will generate a report, displaying the screen shown here as the student's work is checked against a variety of sources.

Note that one of the repositories that VeriCite checks is an SOU database of student submissions. Unlike Turnitin, papers submitted to VeriCite are held by SOU and do NOT become part of an

outside repository. Rather than comparing student work to papers submitted by students at other institutions, VeriCite checks the online resources shown here and work submitted by SOU students.

Once the report is generated, the results will be displayed on your screen. Note that the student's paper lacks its original formatting in this view—the original paper is still available for you to review to check that the formatting is correct, but similarity reports simply provide information about the text submitted by the student. Here's an example of a similarity report:

 **Generating New Report**

- ✓ External search engine results returned.
- 🔍 Searching VeriCite Internet Database
- 🔍 Searching Wikipedia Database
- 🔍 Searching Common Crawl Database
- 🔍 Searching Southern Oregon University Private Database
- 🔍 Compiling and Aggregating Results
- 🔍 Generating Report

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 **The\_Positive\_Value\_of\_Attendance**42%

*Meta-Analytic Review of the Relationship of Class Attendance With Grades and Student Characteristics, ]*

Pretty strong stuff. In addition, when using attendance the student's photos may be present and that makes it easier to put a face to a name.

You can also stop in to the Center for instructional Support in LIB 321 for tip on how to use a second Attendance set up for Students to use at the end of class to "Check Out". This can help evaluate the effectiveness of a lessons impact.

You may also decide to try Clickers for "Checking Out" or even as an attendance taking idea by answering the "Question of the Day". Students answer a question of a topic which also takes the roll. This technique is especially valuable when you are dealing with a large classroom full of students. The Clickers make it easier to verify who is doing what.

Low Match

High Match

Comment:

Excluded:

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Text matches are color coded to indicate the degree of match VeriCite found between the student's submission and the sources checked. The overall similarity score appears in the upper right corner. Elements that appear in italics were excluded from the review process. Instructor comments are highlighted in blue. **Icons** in the upper left allow you to download the paper or print the report. **Top Matches** displays the original source(s) that the submission matches, while clicking on **Details** provides information on the assignment and the submission.

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User:	Student2 Two
Submitted:	11/15/2016 03:45PM
Assignment:	Test 1 - Sample file uploaded for testing details
Context:	Plagiarism Test Course
Matched:	42%
	<a href="#">Score Log</a>
Exclude Quotes:	Yes
Exclude Self Plagiarism:	Yes

\*External search results returned 11/15/2016 05:25PM (schedule re-run) ?

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## Commenting on Submissions

To insert a comment on a file, simply double click where you want the comment to appear. The *Comments* box will be displayed. Enter a new comment or select a previously stored comment to provide feedback. Click on **Save** to save your feedback.

When you have finished reviewing the similarity results and commenting on the paper, close the window and open the next student's submission.

## Grading Submissions

Unlike Turnitin, we're not able to enter grades directly through VeriCite.

To grade submissions, use the **Quick grading** feature in the **View all submissions** page or the **Grade** view of the assignment.

