

Turnitin Draft Coach

An introduction for students

Any questions?

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Introducing Turnitin Draft Coach

Draft Coach will guide you from the first to the final draft as you write your assignment. It's a great tool now integrated into your **Google Docs (AUCA Gmail)**, providing instant feedback on text originality, grammar, and citation mistakes.

This means that you can draft your work in Google Docs (or copy and paste it into Google Docs from another word processor) and then use the tools in Draft Coach for improving your writing before to submitting a final paper on the e-Course.

Note: Draft Coach will not work with any personal Google accounts

Is there a difference between Turnitin Draft Coach and Turnitin in the e-Course?

YES, there is. Draft Coach is your private space where professors don't have access.

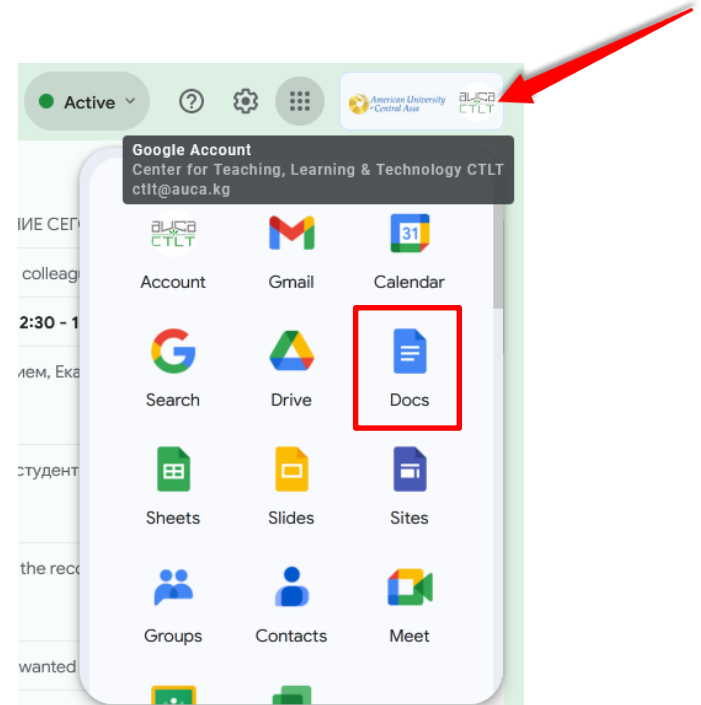
Your google doc will be checked for text similarities against the Turnitin global student repository, academic sources, and internet content. However, your draft will not be saved anywhere.

So, feel free to use Draft Coach without concerns about self-plagiarism when finally submitting your assignment to the e-Course.

How do I access Drat Coach?

Log in your **AUCA Gmail account** and go to **google docs**

Note: Draft Coach will not work with google slides or any other google apps

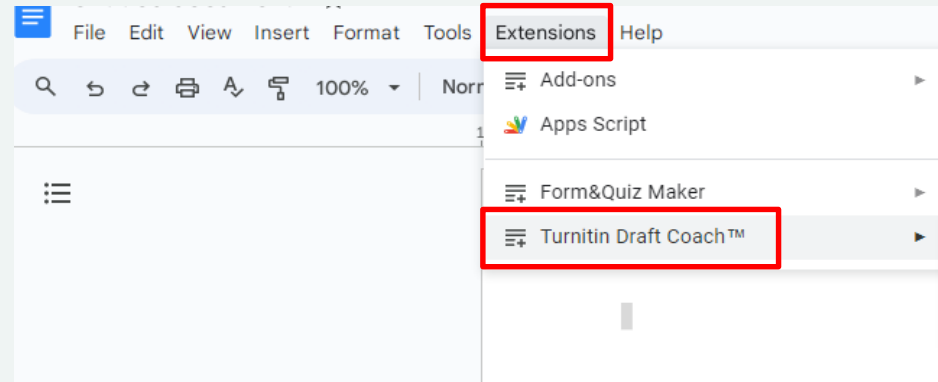


Using Draft Coach

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- Open Draft Coach from the Extensions dropdown menu
- Check the 'I agree to the terms and conditions' box
- Draft Coach is ready to help!

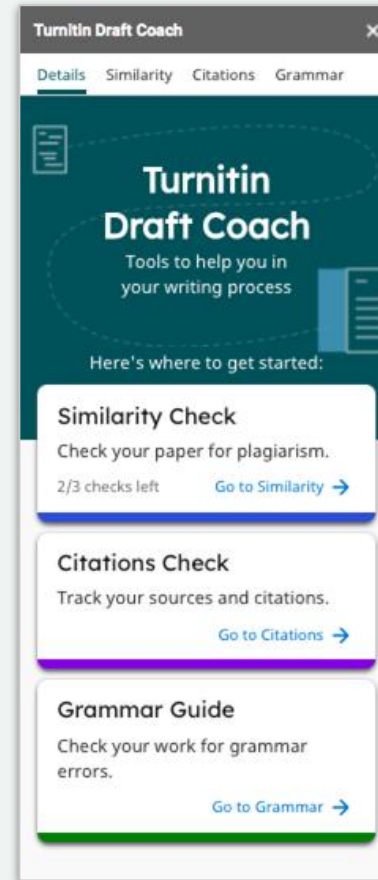
If Draft Coach does not immediately appear in your menu, please refresh your page.



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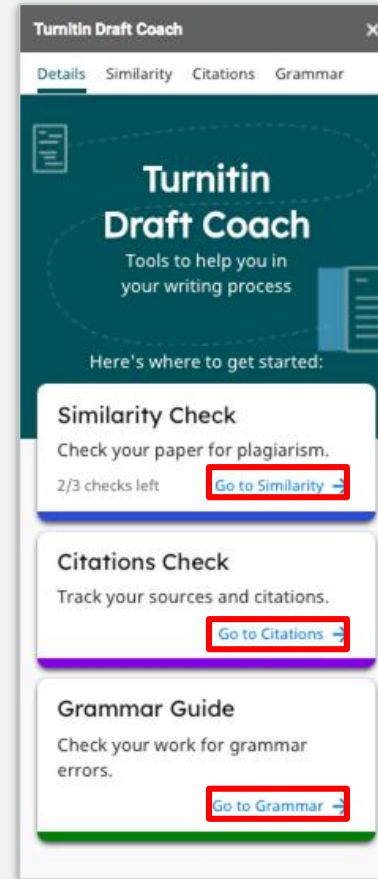
You will see Draft Coach panel at the right side of your screen. Here you will be able to identify issues with **similarity, citations, and grammar** while you draft. Follow Draft Coach's guidance before you submit your work to your instructor.



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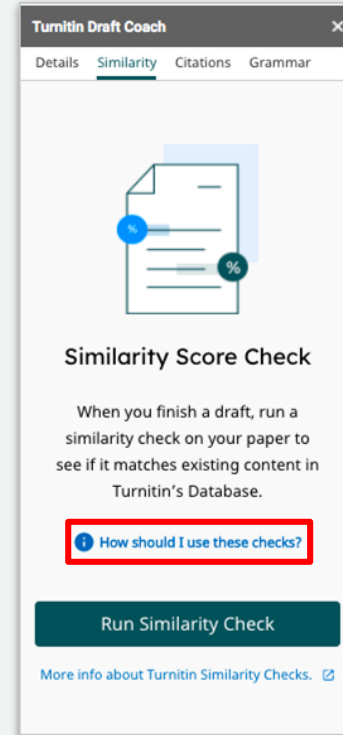
To identify similarity, citations and grammar issues, click on **Go to Similarity**, **Go to Citations**, or **Go to Grammar** and then follow the prompts accordingly.



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Access helpful guidance from Turnitin's teachers by clicking on the links throughout the add-on, such as "How should I use these checks?" and "What should I do with my score?"



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Details Similarity Citations Grammar



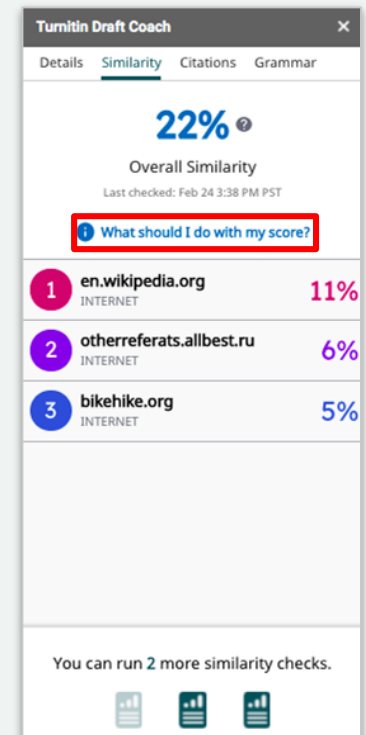
Similarity Score Check

When you finish a draft, run a similarity check on your paper to see if it matches existing content in Turnitin's Database.

[How should I use these checks?](#)

[Run Similarity Check](#)

[More info about Turnitin Similarity Checks.](#)



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22%


Overall Similarity

Last checked: Feb 24 3:38 PM PST

[What should I do with my score?](#)

1	en.wikipedia.org INTERNET	11%
2	otherreferats.allbest.ru INTERNET	6%
3	bikehike.org INTERNET	5%

You can run 2 more similarity checks.



How do Similarity Check, Citations Check, and Grammar Guide differ?

The **Similarity Check** is used to help you identify when your writing matches text found in other sources.

- This check focuses on identifying when your text matches the text of another source, whether that is from the internet or Turnitin's databases.
- The Similarity Score quantifies how similar your work is to other pieces of writing, but you should consider acceptable forms of similarity, like quotations, citations, and bibliographic material when responding to this number.

The **Citations Check** is used to help you identify when your citations are missing references or when your references are missing citations.

- This check focuses on identifying matching pairs of citations and references that you include in your text.
- This check does not currently assess the accuracy of your citation format or whether you are missing citations or references based on the actual content of your text.

Grammar Guide is used to help you identify, edit, and learn from your grammar mistakes.

- This check focuses on identifying issues in grammar and providing guidance on how to address them.
- Grammar Guide encourages you to edit grammar mistakes on your own with detailed explanations. Since the goal is for you to review and apply the feedback, Grammar Guide does not autocorrect any of your writing.

Use the similarity and citations checks as a pair to ensure that your writing is free from plagiarism and ineffective citations.

If a similarity match is identified in your Similarity Check, make sure that you include both a citation and reference for your use of that source in your writing.

Using the Similarity Check

Use the information in your Similarity Checks to inform changes that you should make in your assignment

Consider the following when viewing your Similarity Check results:

- Only the most significant quotes from source material should be included in your writing.
- Summarizations, paraphrases, or explanations in your own words can be used instead of directly quoting from a source.
- All evidence must be cited using the appropriate citation style. Consult with your instructor to determine which style is preferred for each assignment.
- For a more detailed look at your similarity results, click “View Full Report” (located under “Run New Similarity Check”). The full report allows you to exclude quotes, bibliography, citations, and minor matches from the Similarity Check.

Similarity Check Helpful Hints

- As you draft your assignment in Google Docs, **you will have three opportunities to check your similarity** against Turnitin's databases and the internet. Use those three checks strategically.
 - Follow the links within Draft Coach (for example, "How should I use these checks?" and "What should I do with this score?") to help you determine the best way to use your checks and interact with your results.
- **Some similarity is always expected**
 - If you included information from any source material, Turnitin is going to tell you that the text is similar to other things it's seen.
- **Similarity does not always mean plagiarism**
 - Things like quotations, citations, and bibliographic material should be considered when determining whether similarity is acceptable or not.

Using the Citations Check

Use the information in your Citations Check to inform changes that you should make in your assignment

Consider the following when viewing your Citations Check results:

- All evidence must be cited using the appropriate citation style. Consult with your teacher to determine which style is preferred for each assignment.
 - Draft Coach currently identifies MLA, and APA, citations styles. If you are using any other citation styles, they will not be identified.
- Each reference listed in your bibliography should have at least one matching citation within your text.
- Likewise, each citation within your text should have a matching reference listed in your bibliography.

Citations Check Helpful Hints

- As you draft your assignment in Google Docs, **you will have unlimited opportunities to check your citations.**
 - Follow the links within Draft Coach (for example, “How should I use these checks?” and “What should I do with these results?”) to help you determine the best way to use your checks and interact with your results.
- **Citations and references are closely related but refer to two different pieces of information** that should appear in your work.
 - **A citation is a mention of a source within your text.** Citations are usually included within parentheses and note information like author, date of publication, and page number where the information can be found. The information within citations differs depending on which citation style you are using.
 - **A reference is a description of each source that you use within your text.** References are listed at the end of your document in alphabetical order and include information like author, source title, publisher, date of publication, etc. The information within references differs depending on which citation style you are using.

Using Grammar Guide

Use the information in Grammar Guide to inform changes that you should make in your assignment

Consider the following when viewing your Grammar Guide results:

- Grammar Guide provides in-depth instructions to help you make your own edits. It does not automatically correct mistakes for you since the goal is for you to **review, reflect, and apply the detailed feedback**. This approach leads to better understanding and mastery of grammar concepts.
- Grammar Guide identifies **issues in grammar, mechanics, usage, and structure**. It does not check spelling since Google Docs already covers this.
- For very **long documents with more than 100,000 characters**, consider splitting your draft into separate documents to get feedback from Grammar Guide (which reviews only the first 100,000 characters of a document).

Grammar Guide Helpful Hints

- As you draft your assignment in Google Docs, **you will have unlimited opportunities to use Grammar Guide.**
 - Follow the links within Draft Coach (for example, “How should I use these checks?” and “What should I do with these results?”) to help you determine the best way to use your checks and interact with your results.
- **Consider fixing all of the issues within the same category** before moving on to another category. Since issues in the same category all have the same core mistake, fixing the first issue will most likely make it easier to fix the remaining issues in the same category.
- **Read the feedback for each rule carefully.** The feedback and accompanying examples will help you determine concrete ways to make effective revisions to your writing.
- If you have questions about your Grammar Guide results, consult with your instructor.

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