

# Creating a Turnitin Assignment in Canvas

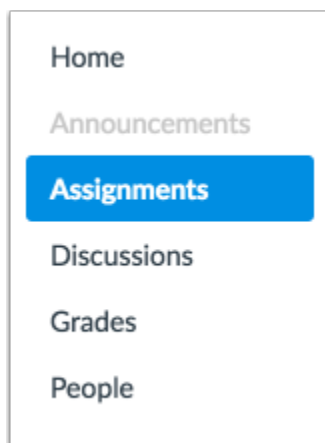
## Creating an Assignment

You can enable Turnitin as part of a new Canvas assignment. Turnitin is enabled on a per-assignment basis in Canvas.

Creating a Turnitin assignment means creating the assignment in Canvas and confirming any specific Turnitin Settings.

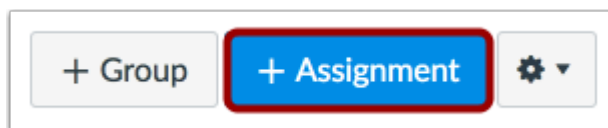
## Step by Step Instructions

### Open Assignments



In Course Navigation, click the **Assignments** link.

### Add Assignment



Click the **Add Assignment** button.

## Add Assignment Details

The screenshot shows a form for adding assignment details. At the top right, there is a 'Not Published' status indicator and a settings gear icon. The form has five numbered callouts: 1 points to the 'Assignment Name' field containing 'Turnitin Assignment 5'; 2 points to the 'Description' text area; 3 points to the 'Points' input field with the value '0'; 4 points to the 'Assignment Group' dropdown menu showing 'Assignments'; and 5 points to the 'Display Grade as' dropdown menu showing 'Points'. A rich text editor toolbar is visible above the description field, and a 'p' paragraph indicator is shown below it.

In the Assignment Name field [1], create a name for the assignment. In the Description field [2], enter the details of the assignment for your students. When students view the assignment, the description appears at the top of the page. However, the text shouldn't be significantly long in this space. If necessary, you can include additional instructions for the assignment as part of the assignment Turnitin settings.

Enter the number of points for the assignment [3], select the Assignment Group [4], and select the grading type from the **Display Grade as** menu [5].

## Select Submission Type

The screenshot shows a 'Submission Type' dropdown menu. The selected option is 'External Tool', which is highlighted with a red rectangular border. The dropdown arrow is visible on the right side of the menu.

In the **Submission Type** drop-down menu, select the **External Tool** option.

**Note:** If you want to use a Canvas rubric for the assignment, you must add the rubric before setting the External Tool submission type. Additionally, if you want to apply moderated grading, you must set up moderated grading before setting the External Tool submission type.


## Find External Tool

Submission Type

External Tool

External Tool Options

Enter or find an External Tool URL


  **Find**

☐ Load This Tool In A New Tab

Click the **Find** button.

## Configure External Tool

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**Canvabadges**   
Easily award badge credentials to students who meet course completion criteria

**Canvas Data Portal**  
Portal for managing hosted data credentials

**Chat Tool**  
A very handy tool for hosting live chat sessions.

**1 Turnitin LTI**  
Turnitin

URL:

to use this tool the domain must match turnitin.com

**2** ☐ Load in a new tab

**3** Cancel Select

Click the **Turnitin LTI** tool [1]. If you want the assignment to load in a new tab, click the **Load in a new tab** checkbox [2]. Click the **Select** button [3].

## Edit Due and Availability Dates

The screenshot shows the 'Assign' section of the Canvas interface. It features three numbered steps: 1. 'Assign to' with a dropdown menu showing 'Everyone' and a close button 'X'. 2. 'Due' with a date input field and a calendar icon. 3. 'Available from' and 'Until' with date input fields and calendar icons. Below these fields is a '+ Add' button.

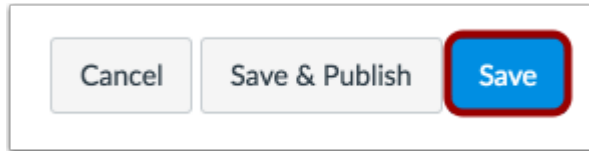
Set due or availability dates for the assignment. These dates appear throughout Canvas like regular assignments.

By default, Canvas will set your assignment dates for everyone in your course [1]. Create a due date for the assignment in the **Due Date** field [2]. The due date will already be populated for you if you created an assignment shell, but you can change it if necessary. You also have the option to add availability date fields [3].

### Notes:

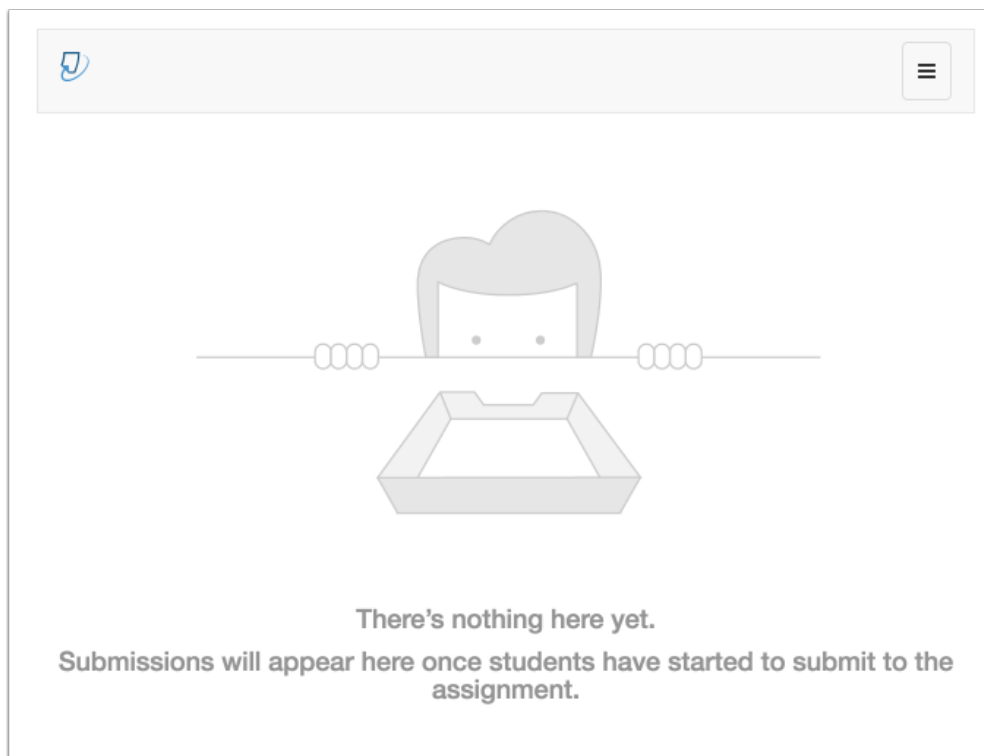
- If you set an Until date for the assignment, students will not be able to access the LTI tool to view their feedback.
- Depending on your LTI configuration, dates created in the assignment may be passed back to Turnitin. Be sure to confirm your dates in the assignment Turnitin settings.
- Differentiated Due Dates do not sync with Turnitin, so an assignment can only have one set of due dates.

## Save Assignment



Click the **Save** button.

## View Assignment



View your assignment created with Turnitin. The assignment defaults to the Assignment Inbox.

Once your assignment has been created, you must also confirm the Turnitin Settings. Otherwise, students cannot access the assignment, even once the assignment is published in Canvas. Next, we'll look at the Turnitin settings and how they can be confirmed and customized.

**Note:** The Turnitin LTI is responsive to the size of your browser window. Your view of the Turnitin LTI may vary from the image shown in this step.