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## GETTING STARTED: A GUIDE FOR STUDENTS

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### **1. Set up a user profile.**

- Visit [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com) and click *Create a user profile*.
- Follow the on-screen directions (the system will ask you to enter your name and email address and will also ask you to choose a password).
- Once you have established a user profile you will be asked if you would like to enroll in a class using the *student class enrollment wizard*. If your instructor has provided you with the necessary course account numbers you may proceed. (If you do not have the course account numbers you can add the class at a later date – to do so, follow Steps 2 and 3).

### **2. Logging in.**

- To login visit [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com) and enter your email address and password in the space provided in the top right hand corner of the web site.
- Click the *Log in* button to enter your personal Turnitin homepage.

### **3. Enrolling in a class.**

- From your homepage click the *Enroll in a class* button.
- On the next page enter the *Class Id* and *Enrollment password* for your class (available from your instructor or Teaching Assistant).
- Click *Submit* to enroll in the class and add it to your homepage. Each class that you have enrolled in will appear on your homepage. Click on the class identifier to enter the class and view the assignments associated with that course.

### **4. Submitting a paper.**

- From your Turnitin homepage select the class to which would like to submit an assignment.
- Click on the *Submit* button and select either *File Upload* or *Cut and Paste* from the pulldown menu.
- To upload a file:
  - Enter a title for your paper and then use the *Browse* button to select the file that you would like to submit. Click *Submit*.
  - You will be asked to confirm your selection. Click *Yes, submit* to finalize your submission.
  - Once you have submitted your paper you will receive a digital receipt.
- To submit by cut and paste:
  - Select *Cut and Paste* from the pull down menu, enter a title for the paper and cut and paste it into the text box.
  - Click *Submit*. After submitting you will receive a digital receipt.
- Submitted papers will appear in your class portfolio next to the relevant assignment.

### **Additional Resources**

*Class Calendar:* The class calendar keeps track of important dates for your class assignments.

- Click on the *Calendar* button on the class bar to open a class calendar.

*User Manuals for Students:* To access the student manuals click on the *Training Manuals* button on the Turnitin.com homepage.