Course Content – Assignments – SafeAssign

SafeAssign is a plagiarism tool within Blackboard that checks student papers for originality. It compares submitted assignments with existing submissions to identify similarities. SafeAssign can also help students learn how to properly cite sources instead of paraphrasing. This handout will guide instructors on creating SafeAssign assignments and understanding the Originality Report.

Create SafeAssign Assignment

- 1. Navigate to the content area where the assignment will be located. If a content are does not exist, follow the steps below to create one. If the content area exists, move to Step 2.
 - a. In the course menu, select Add Menu Item button in the top-left corner.
 - b. Select Content Area from the menu.



c. In the Add Content Area box, enter a Name and select the checkbox for Available to Users.



- d. Select **Submit**. The content area link will appear in the course menu.
- e. Once the content area is created, select the link from the *Course Menu*. The content area will open. The test can be created here or folders can be created within the content area for better organization.
- 2. Select Assessments, and then Assignment from the menu. The Create Assignment page will appear.



3. In the Assignment Information section, enter a Name and the assignment Instructions.

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- 4. Assignment Files Attach any files that should be included with the assignment.
- 5. **Due Date** If the assignment has a due date, select the checkbox then enter the date and time. If a due date is entered, the assignment will automatically appear on the course calendar.

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- 6. **Grading** Enter the Points Possible.
 - a. Associated Rubrics If available, add a rubric.



- 7. Submission Details Select the link to expand this section.
 - *a.* Assignment Type Determine if the assignment is an Individual Submission or Group Submission.
 - *b.* Number of Attempts Select the drop-down menu to choose the number of attempts students are allowed. If multiple attempts is selected, enter the number of attempts each student will receive. If multiple or unlimited is selected, choose which attempt will be used for scoring.

Number of Attempts	Multiple attempts
Maximum Attempts	3
Score attempts using	Highest Grade

- c. Plagiarism Tools
 - i. <u>Check submissions for plagiarism using SafeAssign</u> Select this option to enable SafeAssign. If enabled, choose from the additional options below.
 - ii. <u>Allow students to view SafeAssign originality report for their attempts</u> This option will allow students to view their originality report.
 - iii. <u>Exclude submissions from the Institutional and Global References Databases</u> If enabled, SafeAssign will only check the paper against the internet and the Proform and Journal Database.



- 8. Grading Options Select the link to expand this section.
 - a. Enable Anonymous Grading Hide students' names while grading
 - b. *Enable Delegated Grading* Assign specific users in the course to grade particular sets of student submissions.

	Grading Options
	You can choose to hide student names from submission attempts during grading, making them anonymous. You can also choose to delegate grading to multiple graders. Each grader provides separate grades, feedback and notes to students. Users with the ability to reconcile grades may review all the grades given to a submission and set the official grade for the attempt. By default, instructors have reconciling abilities.
a	Enable Anonymous Grading Student names are hidden during the grading process.
¢	Enable Delegated Grading Delegate grading responsibilities to one or more additional grader.

- 9. Display of Grades Select the link to expand this section.
 - a. *Primary and Secondary* Select the Primary drop-down menu to choose how students will view their grade. Select the Secondary drop-down to choose an additional view that only the instructor can see in the gradebook.
 - b. *Include in Grade Center* Enabled by default, determine if the assignment will be included in the grading calculations.
 - *c.* Show to Students in My Grades Enabled by default, determine if students can view their grade for the assignment in My Grades.

d. Show average and median statistics for this column to students – Select this option to for students to view column statistics.



10. Availability

- a. *Make Assignment Available* Enabled by default, this option makes the assignment available to students.
- b. *Limit Availability* Enter the dates and times that the assignment should be visible to students. If left blank the assignment will be visible to students immediately upon submitting.
- c. *Track Number of Views* Select the checkbox to receive access to a report on the content usage for the assignment.

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b Limit Availability	 Display After Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment. Display Until Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.
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11. Once all settings have been chosen, select Submit.

View Originality Report

Instructors can access the Originality Report from the Grade Center or the Needs Grading Page. In this example, the Originality Report will be accessed from the Grade Center.

1. From the Control Panel, navigate to the *Full Grade Center*.



- 2. Locate the *SafeAssign* assignment grade column.
- 3. Once submissions are available, the *Needs Grading* icon will appear. Select the context menu next to the *Needs Grading* icon. Place the cursor in the grade cell to view the context menu.
- 4. Choose the **Attempt**.



5. In the *Grading* side panel, locate the SafeAssign section. If the report is still processing, a message saying, *Report in progress…* will appear. If the report is available, a percentage score will be displayed.

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ATTEMPT 5/30/19 7:59 AM	0 /100
SafeAssign ∨	73% overall match

6. Expand the *SafeAssign* section by selecting the arrow then select the **View Originality Report** button.



7. The Originality Report will open in a new tab.

Understanding the Originality Report

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- A. **Report Summary** Includes the course name, assignment name and the date submitted.
- B. Print Originality Report
- C. Download Originality Report
- D. View Report Summary Shows the Overall Risk of improper citations in the paper, including the percent of matching or similar text.
- E. Student Submission
- F. **Numbering and Highlights** Each source is assigned a color. Text matching a source is highlighted in the source color and numbered.
- G. Percentage Score The Percentage of matching or similar text.
- H. **Highlight match** Disable highlighting.
- I. **Open Matching Source** View the matching source text in a new window.
- J. **Dismiss Match** If a match is cited correctly by the student, select Dismiss Match to remove it from the list and improve the percentage score.
- K. **Sources** Identifies sources that match the submitted paper's text. Select the source type to expand the section. A number is assigned to each source that matches the highlighted text in the submission.

NOTE: To learn more about creating SafeAssign assignments view the webinar recording and PDF on <u>Assessing</u> <u>Student Performance using Assignments.</u>