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MEMORANDUM

August 21, 2012

TO: DDC List, Faculty List

FR: Provost Kim Wilcox 

RE: MSU offers faculty and instructors Turnitin toolset for Fall Semester 2012

The MSU Office of the Provost Undergraduate Education and the Graduate School are partnering with Information Technology (IT) Services to offer the Turnitin suite of cloud-based tools (provided by iParadigms) on a three-year pilot basis beginning in the Fall Semester 2012.

Turnitin is an optional resource toolset that faculty and instructors can use within ANGEL to assist students in the continued development of their writing skills in the online environment. As well, it raises awareness of the rules of attribution by assisting faculty and students in detecting plagiarized material. MSU has licensed the Turnitin toolset for an initial three-year trial basis and it can aid in the development and assessment of writing skills. The toolset features five components:

- Originality Check – an aid that can be used most effectively to assist students in deepening their understanding of how and when to appropriately attribute work to others.
- GradeMark - a web-based review and markup for documents and rubrics
- PeerMark - a peer-review tool using a web-based reader
- ETS E-Rater - a computer-assisted assessment of written work
- iThenticate - an originality checking tool for scholarly publications and theses

References to information on how to use Turnitin have also been provided for faculty and students on the ANGEL Help site. Additionally, two separate training sessions are set for Thursday, September 6 from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and from 1:30-4:00 p.m. Both sessions will be in the Main Library. Interested faculty and instructors can enroll for one of the "Online Writing Evaluation with Turnitin" sessions through EBS.

If you have questions, contact the Distance Learning Services Help Desk at (517) 355-2345 or (800) 500-1554 or reachout@msu.edu.



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More Information

Office of the Ombudsman

- MSU Policies, Regulations and Ordinances Regarding Academic Honesty and Integrity (<https://www.msu.edu/unit/ombud/academic-integrity/index.html>)

Learning Design and Technology Resources

- Improving Student Writing: Feedback, Peer Review & Plagiarism Detection (<http://learndat.tech.msu.edu/teach/student-writing>)
- Pedagogy (<http://learndat.tech.msu.edu/pedagogy>)

ANGEL Resources

- Faculty Support Topics (<http://help.angel.msu.edu/faculty>)