

LSE100 Turnitin Statement and Student Agreement

The following statement sets out how Turnitin is to be used within LSE100 and the terms by which students agree to use Turnitin.

Students agree to ensuring they have read and understood both:

- the School's [Regulations on Assessment Offences](#) and
- the LSE100 local guidance relating to academic writing, including referencing, citation and paraphrasing, available on the LSE100 Moodle pages on [citing and referencing](#) and [avoiding plagiarism](#) as well as in the assessment guidance for each LSE100 assessment.

LSE100 agrees to use Turnitin as a student academic writing development tool by providing students access to their Turnitin similarity report and score (%) as follows:

- for all formative and all summative assessments.

LSE100's rationale for the chosen approach is to ensure academic integrity across all assessments, and to provide an opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of the expectations of academic writing.

LSE100 agrees to provide its students with support and training in the use of Turnitin through:

- Centrally offered support and training provided by LSE LIFE. LSE LIFE provides a three-tier approach to training (Online/self-access materials, Workshops and One-to-one support). Please contact lselife@lse.ac.uk for details on training in the use of Turnitin.

Students agree to use Turnitin on the basis prescribed by LSE100 in this statement.

Students should be aware that where Turnitin is used within LSE100, it is applied universally (i.e. to all submissions within a specific assessment or not at all - blanket use). However, where Turnitin is not used, it is acceptable for a marker to request that an individual student's paper is uploaded to Turnitin if they have serious concerns and suspicions of academic misconduct. Equally, a marker can request that all students' submissions within a cohort are uploaded to Turnitin if they suspect unacceptable collaboration (collusion) within the cohort.

Students need to be aware that academic judgement is the first indicator of academic misconduct and that either a high or low percentage score (%) can be equally investigated. Therefore, there is no similarity score (%) threshold (whether low or high) within LSE100 that excludes them from an initial investigation.

As stated in the Conditions of Registration:

"Copies of all papers submitted to the software will be retained as source documents in the iParadigms reference database (held in the US) solely for the purpose of text matching against future submissions. Use of the Turnitin UK service shall be subject to such Terms and Conditions of Use as may be agreed between iParadigms and LSE from time to time and posted on the Turnitin UK website."

Queries about use of Turnitin, academic misconduct or plagiarism should be addressed in the first instance to the LSE100 Assessment Manager at LSE100.Assessment@lse.ac.uk.