



Strategies to Combat Online Cheating and Plagiarism

1. Sample Strategies to Combat Online Quiz/Test Cheating
 - Limit value assigned to each quiz/test
 - Consider test open book, questions are printed and students are working together
 - Randomize questions
 - Randomize answers
 - Be careful not to randomize answers that include “all of the above” or multiple answer options (*e.g.*, a and b, a and c).
 - Limit time
 - Be careful the time limit is not too short in case technology issues occur.
 - Create and use different question sets
 - Use other assessment techniques in combo with quiz/test to get a true picture.
2. Turnitin (www.turnitin.com)
 - Turnitin allows educators to check students' work for improper citation or potential plagiarism by comparing it against continuously updated databases.
 - To obtain an account, contact: Patricia A. MacKown (407-823-6960, pmackown@mail.ucf.edu, Building: FC 142)
 - A Turnitin Powerlink is available for *Webcourses@UCF* (Patricia MacKown also supports this Powerlink)
 - Three Turnitin training sessions per month are offered by FCTL during the fall and spring semesters.
 - The Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning (FCTL) recommends including the following statements in your syllabus if you are planning to use Turnitin in any of your courses:

The following is one of the Turnitin.com statement samples from the FCTL Web Site:

“In this course we will utilize turnitin.com, an automated system which instructors can use to quickly and easily compare each student's assignment

with billions of web sites, as well as an enormous database of student papers that grows with each submission. Accordingly, you will be expected to submit all assignments in both hard copy and electronic format. After the assignment is processed, as an instructor I receive a report from turnitin.com that states if and how another author's work was used in the assignment. For a more detailed look at this process, visit <http://www.turnitin.com>.”

For those classes where you want to selectively use Turnitin.com, here is a sample syllabus statement:

“In this course we may utilize turnitin.com, an automated system which instructors can use to quickly and easily compare each student's assignment with billions of web sites, as well as an enormous database of student papers that grows with each submission. Accordingly, you may be expected to submit assignments in both hard copy and electronic format. After the assignment is processed, as an instructor I receive a report from turnitin.com that states if and how another author's work was used in the assignment. For a more detailed look at this process, visit <http://www.turnitin.com>.”