

SafeAssignment – Building Block in Blackboard @ ECU



What is it? Why use it?

- Plagiarism checker; a building block within Blackboard; not a Blackboard product
- Compares papers with a large database (institutional/ECU and global)
- Especially useful in writing-intensive courses

Important for courses that are copied from one semester to the next: Control Panel > Course Tools > SafeAssign > Safe Assignments. If you see a message to “Synchronize” your course, click the button to Synchronize.

How is it used?

- Direct Submit (Control Panel > Course Tools > SafeAssign). Some instructors use this in the scenario of receiving a paper with suspicions of plagiarism; however, the instructor must first obtain permission from the student before choosing Direct Submit.
- Create a SafeAssign “assignment” from your content area where all students submit to an assignment link.
- Option for rough draft: the Draft setting must be marked Yes. The rough draft submitted by the student will still be compared against the SafeAssign database of prior submissions and internet sources, but it will *not* be archived in the database for future checks.

What databases does SafeAssign currently use for plagiarism checking?

- Internet – comprehensive index of documents available for public access on the internet
- ProQuest ABI/Inform database – more than 1,100 publication titles and about 2.6 million articles from 1990’s to present time, updated weekly
- Institutional document archives – contains all papers submitted to SafeAssign by users in their respective institutions
- Global Reference Database – contains papers that were volunteered by students from Blackboard client institutions (ECU) to help prevent cross-institutional plagiarism

How Do I See the Report? How do I grade?

- Get the report from SafeAssign Tool (Control Panel > Course Tools)

View SafeAssignment How do I get here? Control Panel > Course Tools > SafeAssign > SafeAssignments

SafeAssignment 515 Draft (Draft)

Download All Submissions Download all papers. It downloads as a zip file. Paper only, not report.

the student's paper how much is NOT original ?? the returned report

Clear Checked Attempts

Student ID	Name	Text	File	Matching	SA Report	Submitted
	student 4			14%		Wed, Jun 12, 2011
	Cindy Bowers-Test			27%		Wed, Jun 12, 2011
	Matthew Long					
	student melindan					Wed, Jun 12, 2011
	Matt Powell2					
	Ginny Sconiers					
	John Southworth					
	New Student					

Clear Checked Attempts

- OR, go to the grade center and view the attempt > view the report > view the paper > grade the paper

Modify Grade This is gradebook view, looking at an attempt from one student. See report AND grade from gradebook.

Enter or modify a grade for this assignment

1. Assignment Information

Name: SafeAssignment 515 Final (SafeAssignment)

Description:

2. Student's Work

Student ID	Name	Text	File	Matching	SA Report	Submitted
	student 4			14%		Wed, Jun 12, 2011

3. Modify Grade

Points Possible: 12.0

Grade: Manually add the student's grade here

4. Feedback to Student

Comments:

Add feedback to students here

File To Attach: Instructor can attach a document to return to students here

5. Submit

Click Submit to proceed. Click Cancel to quit.

Student View?

After the student submits and the report has been returned, this is what the student sees:

View SafeAssignment
You have already completed this SafeAssignment.

Assignment Information
Name
SafeAssignment 515 Final (Draft)

Submitted Work

Student ID	Student Name	File	Matching	SA Report	D
	student melindan		100%		V

View Grade
Grade

Instructor's Feedback
Comments
No feedback from instructor

Student View

Description

Weight
0.0

Currently Attached File
No feedback uploaded