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# TURNITIN

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- A tool for **enhancing skilful writing** and preventing plagiarism
  - Allows you to assess and develop your referencing skills
- A submission inbox for papers
- Checks texts against comparison databases for similarity and generates a similarity report
  - Comparison databases include: web pages, student papers and library databases and publications.
- ***The similarity report shows similarities, it does not identify plagiarism. The reports have to be interpreted.***

# TURNITIN for Students

## Thesis supervision via turnitin:

- check whether your advisor or supervisor has a personal MyCourses workspace for thesis supervision in MyCourses
- write your supervisor's or advisor's name in the "Search courses" field.
- Follow the instructions in the My Courses workspace to submit your thesis in a Turnitin activity.
- <https://wiki.aalto.fi/display/turnitin/Turnitin+for+students>

# 1. enrol yourself to the workspace by clicking *Syllabus* on the right

The screenshot shows a Moodle course page for 'Thesis supervision Susanna Suurla 2020-2022'. The page layout includes a top navigation bar with 'A? MyCourses' and various menu items like 'SCHOOLS', 'MY RECENT COURSES', 'CORONAVIRUS INFO', 'SERVICE LINKS', 'ALLWELL?', and '(EN)'. A user profile for 'Susanna Suurla' is visible in the top right. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'Forums', 'Group choices', 'Resources', 'Schedulers', and 'Turnitin Assignments'. The main content area is titled 'Home page' and contains the following text:

This workspace is meant for thesis/dissertation supervising. A student submits drafts and a supervisor comments them. After a submission a Turnitin similarity report is generated automatically. The report shows similarities between texts of the submission and sources of the comparison databases. The report supports scientific writing and prevention of plagiarism. Please, read [Aalto University Turnitin instructions, especially how to interpret a Turnitin similarity report](#).

The final version of the thesis can be submitted in a separate inbox where both the similarity report is generated and the paper is stored in Turnitin student paper repository where it is protected against plagiarism.

Below the text, there is a 'Uutiset' (News) section and a question: 'Which thesis are you working on?'. On the right side of the page, there are three sections: 'Completion Progress' (with a red arrow pointing to the 'Syllabus' button), 'Latest announcements' (with a link 'Add a new topic...'), and 'Upcoming events' (with a link 'Go to calendar...').

## 2. Self enrolment (login with Aalto account is demanded)

The screenshot displays the Aalto MyCourses interface. The top navigation bar includes the Aalto logo, 'MyCourses', and various menu items like 'SCHOOLS', 'MY RECENT COURSES', 'CORONAVIRUS INFO', 'SERVICE LINKS', 'ALLWELL?', and '(EN)'. A user profile for 'Susanna Suurla' is visible in the top right. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with options like 'Thesis supervision Susanna Suurla 2020-2022', 'Participants', 'Grades', 'Sections', 'Home page', 'Materials', 'Submissions', 'Dashboard', and 'Site home'. The main content area features a 'Syllabus' header and a breadcrumb trail: 'Dashboard / My own courses / thesis superv... / Summary'. Below this, the course title 'Thesis supervision Susanna Suurla 2020-2022' is displayed. To the right of the title are two buttons: 'Guest access' and 'Self enrolment', with a red arrow pointing to the 'Self enrolment' button. Below the title, there are links for 'Rules of Conduct - Students' Rights and Responsibilities (in force from 1 August 2020)' and 'Aalto University Code of Academic Integrity and Handling Violations Thereof'. The footer contains the Aalto University logo, 'Tuki / Support' with links to 'MyCourses help' and 'mycourses(at)aalto.fi', 'Palvelusta' with links to 'MyCourses rekisteriseloste', 'Tietosuojailmoitus', and 'Palvelukuvaus', and 'About service'. Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube are also present.

**A? MyCourses** SCHOOLS MY RECENT COURSES CORONAVIRUS INFO SERVICE LINKS ALLWELL? (EN) Susanna Suurla

Thesis supervision Susanna Suurla 2020-2022

Participants

Grades

Sections

» Home page

» Materials

» Submissions

Dashboard

Site home

Syllabus

Forums Group choices Resources Schedulers Turnitin Assignments

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Guest access Self enrolment

Thesis supervision (ARTS)

Rules of Conduct - Students' Rights and Responsibilities (in force from 1 August 2020)

Aalto University Code of Academic Integrity and Handling Violations Thereof

**A?**  
Aalto University

Tuki / Support

- MyCourses help
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About service

https://mycourses.aalto.fi/enrol/index.php?id=26975#&redirect=0

### 3. answer the tab: Which thesis are you working on?

**A? MyCourses** SCHOOLS MY RECENT COURSES CORONAVIRUS INFO SERVICE LINKS ALLWELL? (EN) Susanna Suurla

Thesis supervision Susanna Suurla 2020-2022 Dashboard / My own courses / thesis superv... Turn editing on Syllabus

Participants  
Grades  
Sections  
» Home page  
» Materials  
» Submissions  
Dashboard  
Site home

**Uutiset**

Before you can submit on the tab "Submissions", please: 1. enrol yourself to this workspace by clicking *Syllabus* on the right > *Self enrolment* (login with Aalto account is demanded) and 2. answer the question below.

**Which thesis are you working on?**

**Appointment booking for supervision**

Course home Course home

**Upcoming events**  
There are no upcoming events  
[Go to calendar...](#)

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4. Go to submissions and select the track you are submitting to (draft1, draft2, e.g.)

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `mycourses.aalto.fi/course/view.php?id=26975&section=2`. The page title is "Thesis supervision Susanna Suurla 2020-2022". The breadcrumb trail is "Dashboard / My own courses / thesis superv... / Sections / Submissions". The left sidebar contains a menu with the following items: "Grades", "Sections" (with a dropdown arrow), "» Home page", "» Materials", "» Submissions" (highlighted with a red arrow), "Dashboard", and "Site home". The main content area displays a list of submission tracks, each with a yellow document icon and text: "Draft 1 - Luonnos 1", "Draft 2 - Luonnos 2", "Draft 3 - Luonnos 3", "Draft 4 - Luonnos 4", "Draft 5 - Luonnos 5", and "Master's thesis - version for grading -- Maisterivaihe - arvosteltava versio". A "Syllabus" button is visible in the top right corner. The bottom right corner shows a partially visible "Res" and "use" label.

# 5. Submit your text via submit paper button

The screenshot shows the MyCourses interface for a student named Susanna Suurla. The page is titled 'Draft 1 - Luonnos 1' and is part of a submission for 'Part 1'. A table lists the submission details, including the title 'Draft 1 - Luonnos 1 - Part 1', start and due dates, and marks available (5). Below the table, there is a 'Submit Paper' button with a document icon, which is highlighted by a red arrow. The interface also includes a sidebar with navigation options like 'Grades', 'Sections', and 'Submissions', and a top navigation bar with course information and user profile.

Title	Start Date	Due Date	Post Date	Marks Available
Draft 1 - Luonnos 1 - Part 1	1 Jan 2020 - 00:00	31 Oct 2022 - 23:59	1 Jan 2020 - 00:01	5

Summary:  
As you have submitted, email your supervisor the web address (URL) of this submission inbox (do not send a link of a Turnitin report i.e. a Feedback Studio view because it will not work). Note! The file is not stored in the student papers repository (comparison database) although you are asked a consent for it. A similarity report starts to generate right after submission, but it may take from few minutes up to several hours (24 h at maximum) to complete. You can resubmit on the same tab, if you wish to make corrections to your work based on the similarity report before getting feedback from your supervisor. If you have already got comments from your supervisor on the document, do not submit another version in this inbox any more as the comments would disappear by a resubmission. Submit the next version in the inbox "Draft 2 - Luonnos 2". [See additional information about Turnitin submission.](#)

Refresh Submissions

Submission Title	Turnitin Paper ID	Submitted	Similarity	Grade	Submit Paper
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Jump to...



6. Confirm that the submission is your own work and agree that the work is stored in the Turnitin Student Paper Repository. If you do not agree, contact the teacher.

When submitting as a draft, the file is not stored in the student papers repository (comparison database) although you are asked for consent.

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Dashboard / My own courses / thesis superv... / Sections / Submissions / Draft 1 - Luonnos 1

Grades My Submissions

Sections

- » Home page
- » Materials
- » Submissions

Dashboard Site home

Submit Paper

Submission Title \* ⓘ Suski\_testi

File to Submit ⓘ Maximum file size: 100MB, maximum number of files: 1

Files

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I confirm that this submission is my own work and I agree that my work is stored in the Turnitin Student Paper Repository. If I do not agree, I contact the teacher. I know [the Turnitin instructions in Aalto University](#)

Vakuutan, että palautukseni on omaa työtäni ja suostun työni arkistointiin Turnitinin opiskelijatöiden vertailukantaan. Jos en suostu tähän, otan yhteyttä opettajaan. Tunnen [Aalto-yliopiston Turnitinin käytön ohjeet](#).

Jag försäkrar att dokumentet jag lämnar in är mitt eget arbete och jag accepterar att mitt arbete lagras i Turnitin-databasen av studiearbeten. Om jag inte accepterar detta tar jag kontakt med läraren. Jag känner till [Aalto-universitetets anvisningar till studerande om användningen av Turnitin](#).

Add Submission

There are required fields in this form marked \* .

About service

- You can also use Turnitin independently at [Independent Turnitin Originality Check](#). Note, no support for interpreting a Turnitin report or assessing it is available in this workspace.

Turnitin instructions for students in Aalto wiki:

<https://wiki.aalto.fi/display/turnitin/Turnitin+for+Students>

1. Submitting a file into Turnitin activity in MyCourses
2. Handling a similarity report
3. Viewing teacher's feedback and grading
4. What is expected of you when using Turnitin