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Tech Tips

Turnitin is excited to announce the release of our new AI writing detection capabilities.

AI writing detection is available to non-student users on Turnitin Feedback Studio (TFS), TFS with Originality, Turnitin Originality, Turnitin Similarity, Simcheck, Originality Check, and Originality Check+.

How does it work?

When a paper is submitted to Turnitin, the submission is first broken into segments of text that are roughly a few hundred words (about five to ten sentences). Those segments are then overlapped with each other to capture each sentence in context.

The segments are run against the AI detection model and each sentence is given a score between 0 and 1 to determine whether it is written by a human or by AI. If the model determines that a sentence was not generated by AI, it will receive a score of 0. If it determines the entirety of the sentence was generated by AI it will receive a score of 1.

Brightspace

Video: August 2023 Release Notes

Instructors can now specify what a learner must do to achieve a particular award.

This feature complements the use of evidence for awards by adding the new required Criteria field to the Awards tool.

Figure: The new required Criteria field on the New Award page.

Availability of Criteria and Evidence fields meets the latest Open Badges 2
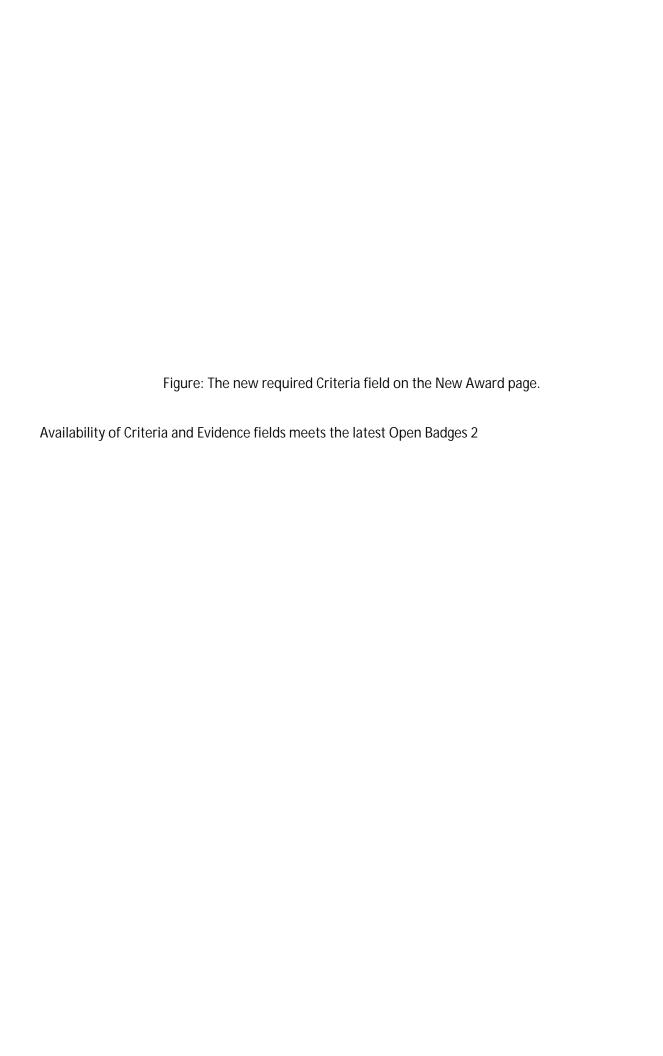
Figure: A visual overview of the new Discussions creation experience.

Learning Outcomes –

Figure: The new Edit Settings button on the Outcomes in this Course page.

. When an administrator creates and saves the first achievement scale within the organization using the Learning Outcomes tool, that scale is automatically designated as the organization's default scale. Other scales can be designated as the organization's default scale at any time. Changing the selected default scale does not impact the achievement scale selection for any existing course offerings.

Instructors can select an alternative achievement scale for a course until assessment evaluation begins.0.5g (mp)-0.6ec)4

Figure: The Edit Settings