# Submitting an Assignment to SafeAssign



**Blackboard Learn** 

SafeAssign is Blackboard's plagiarism evaluation service that instructors use to discourage <u>plagiarism</u> in student works and to create opportunities to help students identify how to properly attribute sources. As of January 2015, <u>SafeAssign has integrated with the standard Blackboard Assignment</u> and is no longer a separate type of assessment.



# HOW TO SUBMIT AN ASSIGNMENT TO SAFEASSIGN

Students use a standard Assignment submission link to upload a file to the course's Grade Center for the instructor's review. The submission process is similar to sending an e-mail with an attached file. A copy of the file is automatically sent to SafeAssign for evaluation.

### TWO THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- You will need to allow third-party cookies in the browser in order to send a copy of the document to SafeAssign.
- Your files should be under 250 MB and in a supported format. SafeAssign accepts files in .doc, .docx, .ppt, .pptx, .odt, .txt, .rtf, .pdf, and .html file formats only. Files of any other format will not be checked through SafeAssign.

#### SUBMISSION PROCESS

 In the course, navigate to the location where the assignment is posted. Click the link to the assignment.



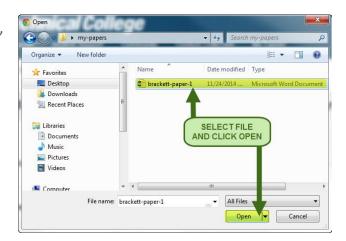
You will be taken to the UPLOAD
 ASSIGNMENT page. Review the assignment information.

 Scroll down to the ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION section. Click the BROWSE MY COMPUTER button.

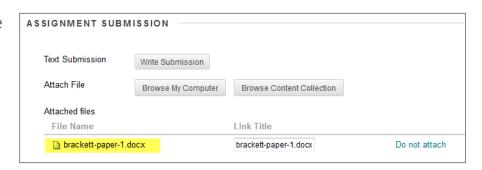




3. A **FILE UPLOAD** dialogue box will appear. In this box, browse through the files on your computer or storage media and select your assignment file. Click **OPEN** to attach the file.



If you are successful, you will see the selected file listed under **ATTACHED FILES**<sup>1</sup>.



 If your instructor requires you to submit a final draft to SafeAssign's Global Reference Database, you will see the "Plagiarism Tools" checkbox.

CHECK the CHECKBOX next to "I agree to submit my paper(s) to the Global Reference Database".



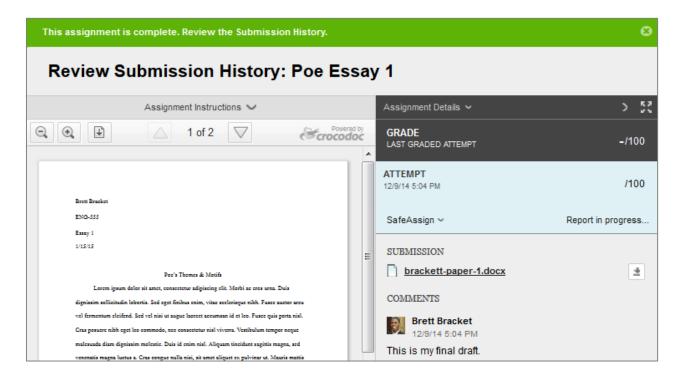
OPTIONAL: Scroll down the page to the ADD COMMENTS section and type any comments you would like to leave for your instructor.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If you chose the wrong file, click the "Do Not Attach" link to remove the file and follow steps 2-3 again to attach the correct file.



- 6. Lastly, scroll to the bottom of the page and click the **SUBMIT** button to complete the assignment<sup>2</sup>.
- 7. If you are successful in submitting your assignment, you will be taken to a **REVIEW SUBMISSION HISTORY** page. Here, you may review your submission details (i.e. time of submission, file submitted, current grade, and SafeAssign evaluation status if your instructor allows students to view it<sup>3</sup>).



# PLEASE NOTE

- If your submitted file was in a supported MS Office format, the inline previewer will display it within the browser window. File types that will preview in-browser: .DOC, .DOCX, .PPT, .PPTX, .XLS, .XLSX, and .PDF. If your file does not preview in the browser, don't worry. The instructor can still access the file by using the file download button.
- We highly recommend reviewing your My Grades area in the course to verify that your assignment submission is logged in the course's Grade Center.
- If you encounter a problem with the submission process or if the submitted assignment isn't logged in your course's Grade Center, contact your instructor immediately!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A document sent to SafeAssign for evaluation will typically return results in less than 30 minutes. However, during peak usage times at midterm or end of term, processing may take up to 24 hours.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Please note that after you have submitted your assignment, you will not be able to add any more files unless the instructor has allowed you to do so!

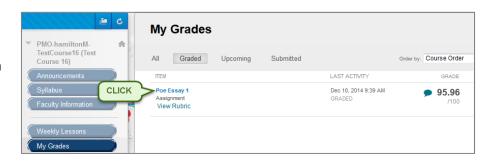
# VIEWING SAFEASSIGN EVALUATION RESULTS

When SafeAssign evaluates a document, it will return the following results<sup>4</sup> to the instructor and the student if the instructor permits it:

- A Matching Score The percentage of text in the paper that matches other sources.
  - Scores below 15%: Not indicative of plagiarism. Paper may contain common phrases matching other sources.
  - Scores between 15-40%: Paper may contain plagiarized content or use quoted material too much.
     Revision is recommended.
  - Scores over 40%: Paper contains substantial amount of text matching other sources. Even if the
    material is properly cited, the paper may use too many quotes. Revision is recommended.
- Originality Report A marked up copy of the submitted document. Text that matches sources from the internet, journal databases, or other student documents will be highlighted and cited with a link to the matching source material.

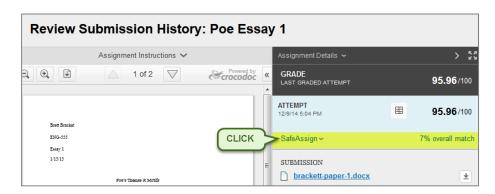
## IF THE INSTRUCTOR ALLOWS YOU TO SEE SAFEASSIGN RESULTS, FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO VIEW YOUR RESULTS:

Go to your course's My Grades
 area and click on the title of the
 Assignment to view its submission
 history.



On the REVIEW SUBMISSION
 HISTORY page, the ASSIGNMENT
 DETAILS panel will list your
 SafeAssign matching score.

To view the full report and see what text was a match, click on the word **SAFEASSIGN**.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Matching Score and Originality Report are *not conclusive proof* of plagiarism. They should be treated as warnings that indicate the document should be further review by the instructor and student.



Click the VIEW ORIGINALITY REPORT button that appears. The Originality Report will open in a browser window for your review.

