

# The UoW Psychology Turnitin Playpan:

*A self-learning resource to support psychology students' academic writing development and acknowledgement practice*

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# Preamble

- Good academic writing is a skill that comes with practice and experience. As you go through your undergraduate psychology course, you will gain this experience through writing essays and lab reports.
- *Inexperience* in academic writing and leaving one's assignment until the *last minute* are two common underlying causes of **academic plagiarism**.
- Rather than treating academic plagiarism as a taboo subject, the School of Psychology is committed to supporting students' academic writing development and good acknowledgement practice.

# Supporting Your Academic Writing Development

This handout provides you with some pointers

- to encourage you to begin reading and preparing for your assignments early, and
- how you may use Turnitin as a self-learning tool to check and improve your academic writing.

# Assignment Preparation:

## DOs

- Start early
- Read with intent
- Read for understanding
- Summarise in your own words

# Assignment Preparation:

## DON'Ts

- Read the abstract only
- Pretend that the textbooks are peer-reviewed sources
- Heavy use of direct quotes
- Superficial paraphrasing
- Leave your essay/lab report until the night before(!!)

# Researching for your essay or lab report

- Useful strategies?
- Using databases
  - E.g., PsycInfo, Science Direct, Scopus, Google Scholar
- Using peer-reviewed sources
  - Checking for peer-review status

# Improving your writing and acknowledgement practice

- Paraphrasing and summarising
  - Chronologically or categorically describing theory and research
  - “who” did “what”

**VS.**

- Critically reviewing and integrating the literature
  - Organising and critically discussing research in the field
  - Demonstrates your command of knowledge in a research area
  - Important for
    - Deriving/addressing a sound research question
    - Analysing available evidence
    - Drawing an appropriate conclusion

# Turnitin

- An online text-matching system

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English 101 Medical Essay

To Speak or Sign: Choosing Cochlear Implants  
BY JOHN SMITH

Similarity: 65% Grade: 9

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Rank	Source	Similarity
1	pochlearstoday.com Internet source	36%
2	Lincoln Land Community College Student paper (from 2/27/06)	22%
3	Norwich University Student paper (from 12/24/09)	18%
4	JAMA Publication	13%
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6	...	8%
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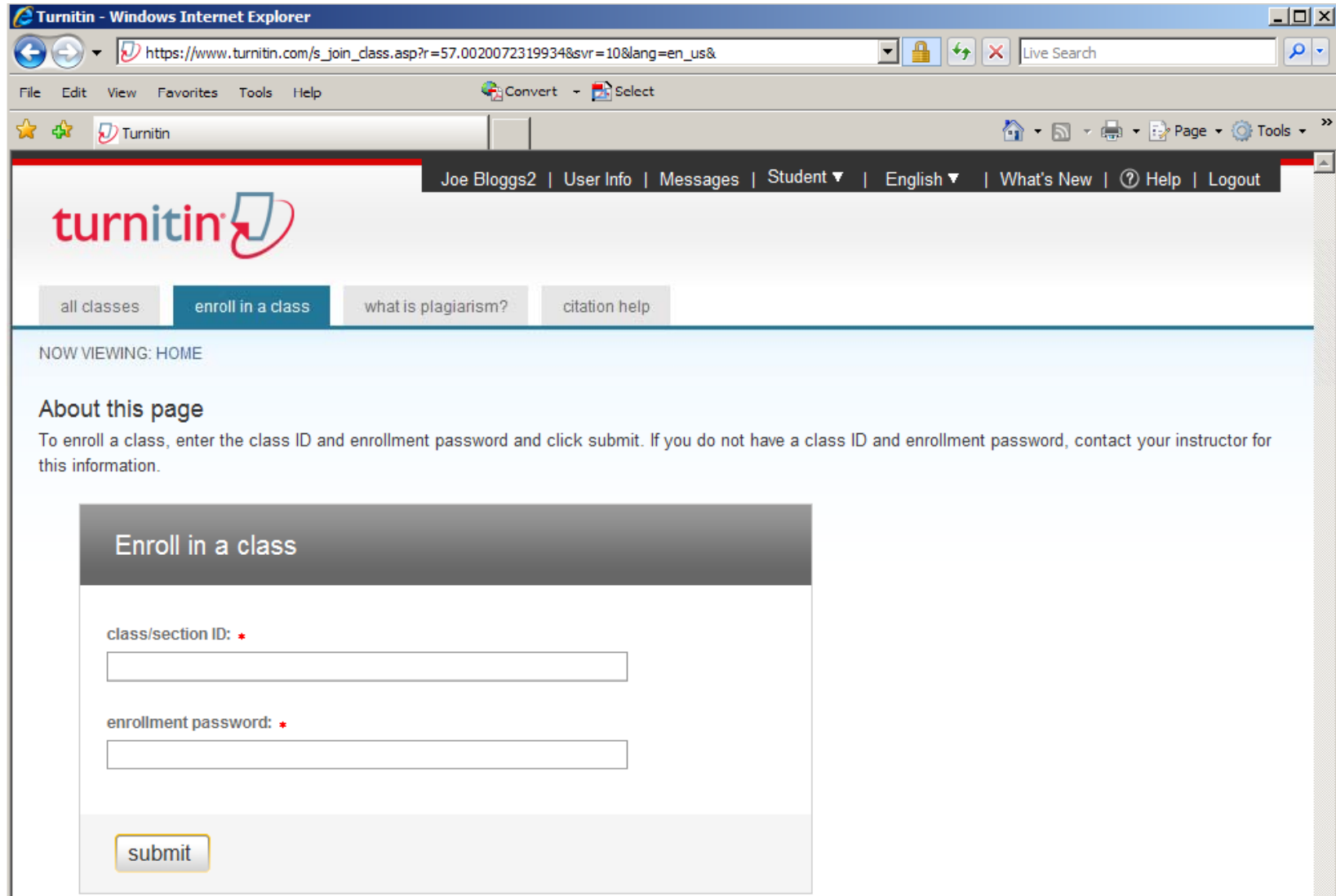
# How Turnitin works for you

- Dummy “class” set up for checking your drafts
- Submit your work for checking
  - confirmation via email
  - originality report (max. 1 per day)
  - Drafts NOT saved in a repository

# Your Turnitin Playpan

- Access via [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com)
- **Step 1:** Need to create an account
  - With a valid email address
  - And your chosen Turnitin password
- **Step 2:** Enrol yourself into the specially created Turnitin class [class name: UoW Psychology Turnitin Playpan]
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  - **Class name:** UoW Psychology Turnitin Playpan
  - **Enrolment password:** PSYC\_UoW
- Handout: <http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/ld/students/UOW021315.html>

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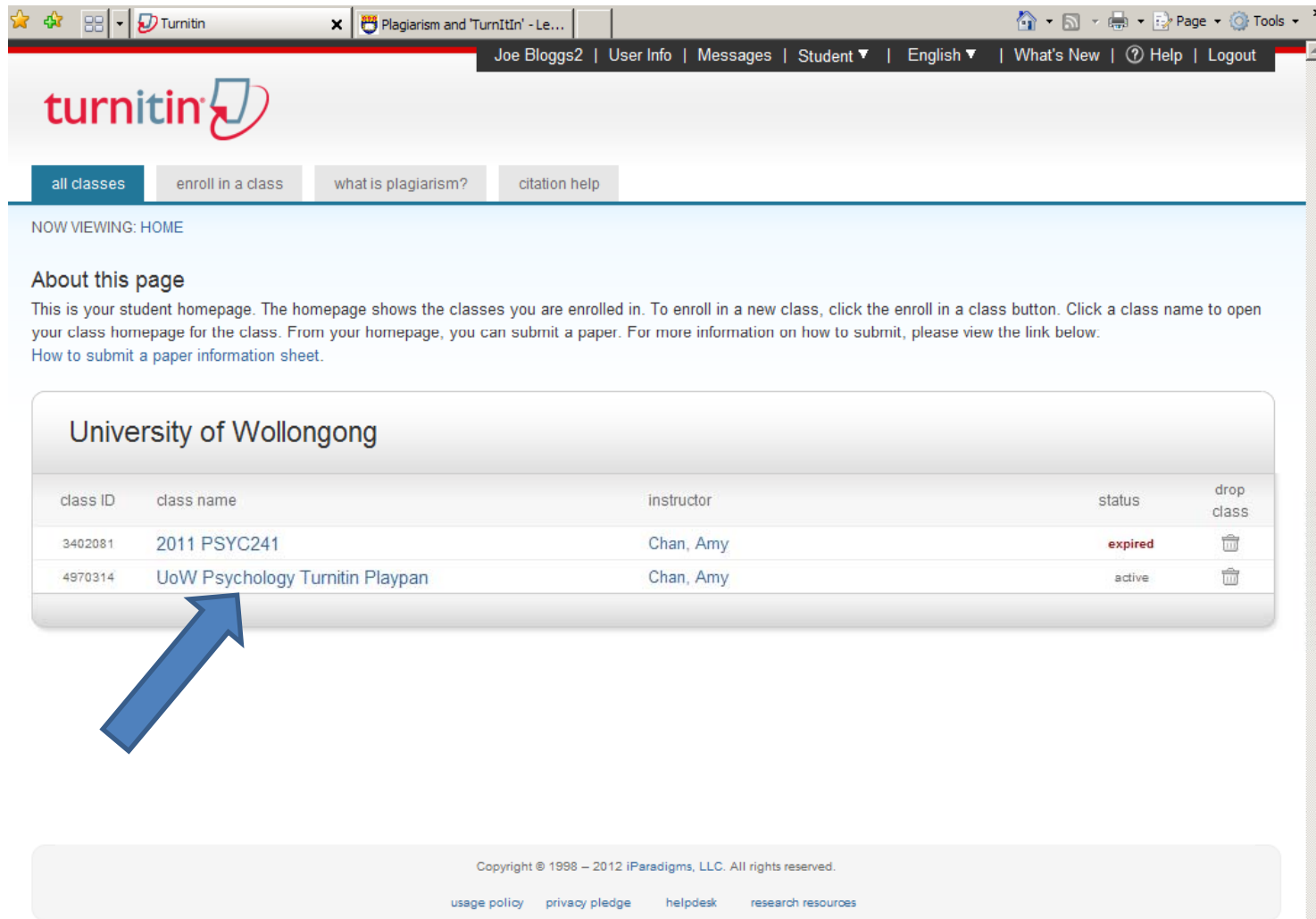
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class ID	class name	instructor	status	drop class
3402081	2011 PSYC241	Chan, Amy	expired	
4970314	UoW Psychology Turnitin Playpan	Chan, Amy	active	

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# An Example

- Joe Bloggs2 (a fictitious 2011 PSYC241 student) – blatant plagiarist or lazy writer?

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The most straight-forward method for submitting your draft for checking is by **file upload**.

### submit paper: by file upload (step 1 of 2)

choose a paper submission method:

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first name \*

Joe

last name \*

Bloggs2

submission title \*

My draft PSYC241 essay

The paper you are submitting will not be added to any paper repository.

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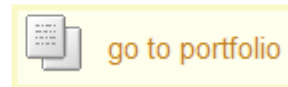


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## paper title: My draft PSYC241 essay

paper ID: 145540807

author: **Bloggs2, Joe**



This is what you get once your draft has been successfully submitted. Click on “**go to portfolio**” to access your originality report.

One of the landmarks of contemporary psychology is Bowlby's (1969, 1973, 1980) work on attachment, separation, and loss, the processes by which affectional bonds are forged and broken. Bowlby's major goal was to characterise and explain how infants become affectionately attached to their primary caregivers and emotionally distressed when separated from them, although he also argued that "attachment behavior [characterizes] human beings from the cradle to the grave" (1979, p. 129). Considerable research has provided support for attachment theory. The purpose of this essay is to explore the possibility that this theory, designed primarily with infants in mind, offers valuable insight into adult close relationships, and more specifically, romantic love.

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# Discover for yourself: Homework Exercise

- Type up your summary of a journal article that you have read for an assignment or a class
- Create a Turnitin account
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  - Generate an originality report

# Your journal article summary

- Initial originality rating?
- any patterns in the matched text?
  - Why?
- Reattempts?