Canvas Peer Reviews vs. Turnitin PeerMark

When you create an assignment that requires online submissions in Canvas, you can enable the peer reviews option in the assignment settings. Then students will be required to review the submissions from other students and provide feedback.

PeerMark is a peer review application of a 3rd-party software package, Turnitin, which is licensed at Georgia Tech and integrated with Canvas. To use PeerMark, you need to create an assignment that requires submissions through Turninit External Tool and enable PeerMark.

Below is a feature comparison of these two tools, which you can use to help make decisions on which you should use for your peer review assignments.

Feature	Canvas Peer Reviews	Turnitin PeerMark	
Schedule Peer Reviews			
Peer review start/due dates	The start date can be set up, however, the due date cannot. Hence students must be notified of the due date separately, and they can submit peer reviews as long as the assignment is available.	Both start date and due date can be set up.	
Peer feedback release date	Not available. Students can view feedback once it is submitted.	Feedback release date can be set up.	
Assign Peer Reviews			
Manually assign reviews	Yes	Yes	
Automatically assign reviews	Yes	Yes	
Students select reviews	Not available	Yes	
Students' self-review	Not available	Students can be required to review their own assignment.	
Assign reviews to students who did not submit assignment	These students will not be automatically assigned as peer reviewer, but instructor can manually assign them.	Instructor can choose whether reviews will be assigned to these students.	
Anonymous reviews	Yes	Yes	
Peer reviews for group assignment	Yes	Not available	

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Conduct Peer Reviews			
Use rubric for reviews	A rubric must be created and edited in Canvas by using the Rubrics tool. If you have created rubrics in any of your Canvas courses before, you can reuse them.	A rubric can be attached to an assignment, however, it can be only used by instructors for grading. For peer reviews, instructors can use PeerMark questions. They can be free- response questions or scale question.	
Provide inline comments	Yes, if the submission is one of the supported files that can be displayed in Document Viewer	Yes, if the submission is one of the <u>supported files</u> that can be displayed in Document Viewer.	
Provide overall comments	Comments can be provided for each criteria on the rubric. Additional comments, either in text or media, can be added by using SpeedGrader.	Free-response questions can be added and comments can be provided by responded to the questions.	
Assess Peer Reviews			
Assign credit for peer reviews	Credit cannot be assigned as part of the assignment grade, but a separate assignment could be used to grant the credit.	Credit can be assigned as part of the assignment grade.	
Feedback Rating	Not available.	Students can rate the helpfulness of the feedback they receive.	

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