

PlagScan

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Manual:

PlagScan Plugin for Schoology
for Teachers / Instructors

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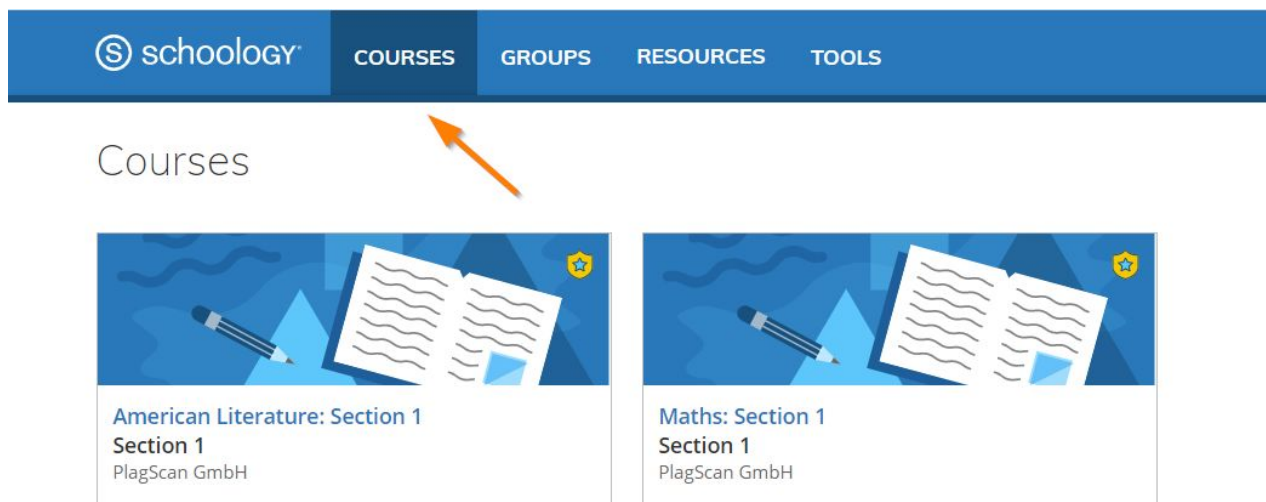
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Phase 1: Activation of the PlagScan Plugin for a Course

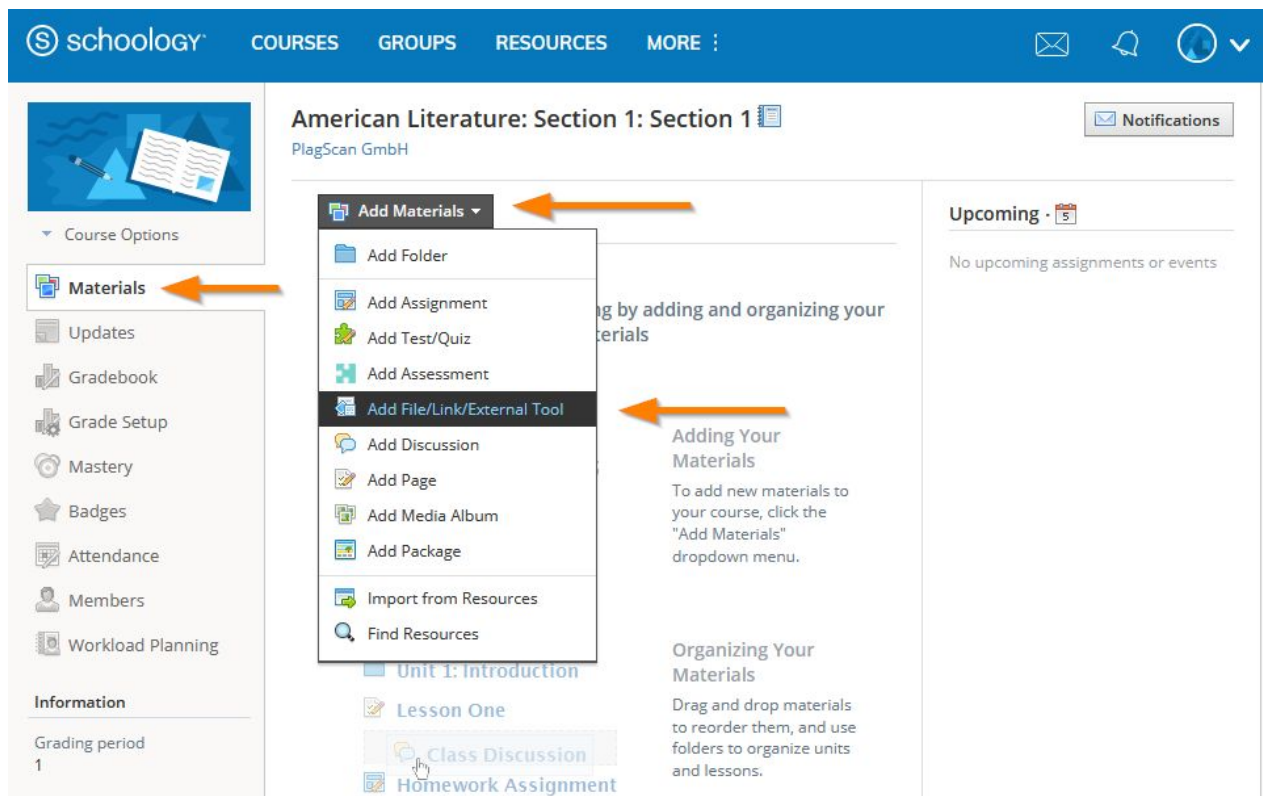
In this phase you will learn how to activate the PlagScan plugin for a Schoology course.

1. Navigate to the Schoology website <https://app.schoology.com/> and log in with your Schoology instructor account.
2. In the top navigation bar select “**Courses**” and click on the course for which you want to activate the PlagScan plugin.

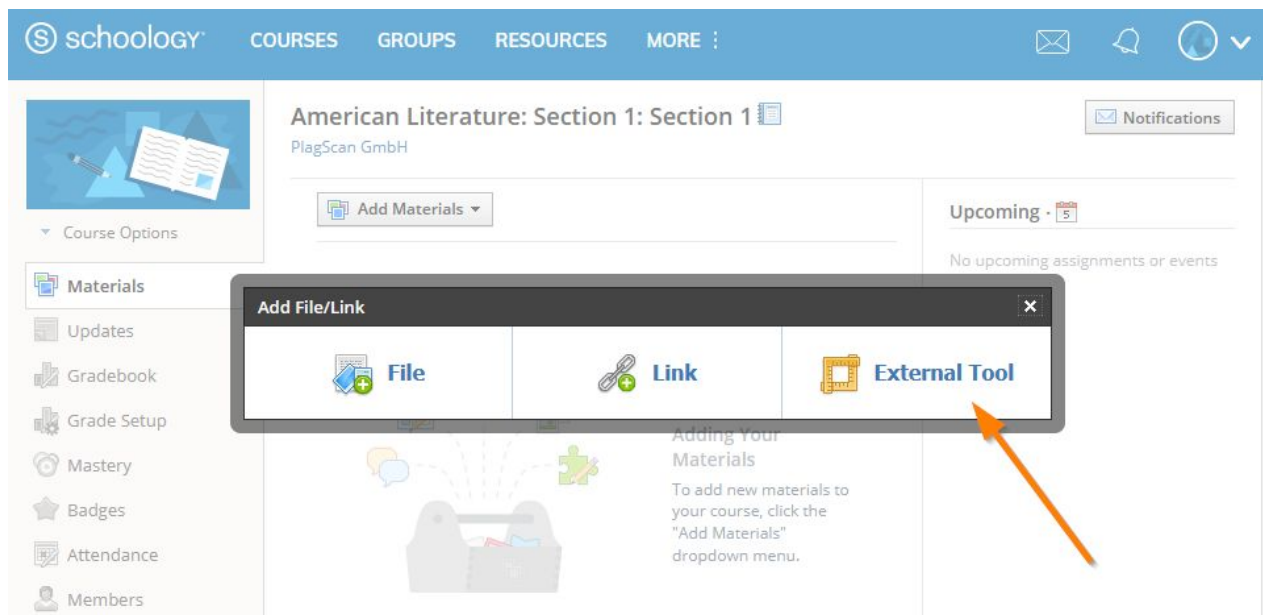
Note: You need to have a course set up previously to be able to choose one.



3. In the course view make sure you are in the **“Materials”** menu, click on **“Add Materials”** and select **“Add File/Link/External Tool”**.



4. Confirm your selection in the pop up by clicking on **“External Tool”**.



5. A new “**Add External Tool**” window opens, in which you need to configure the PlagScan plugin. Fill out the fields according to the following steps:

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Tool Provider: Select *PlagScan* via the drop down menu. You are only able to do so, your Schoology administrator did set this up. If you are not able to select *PlagScan* here, please contact your Schoology administrator or refer to our manual [PlagScan Plugin for Schoology for Administrators](#).

Title: This is the title for the material you are setting up. You can type in *PlagScan* for example or decide on your own.

URL: Do not change it. This field is filled out via the Schoology administrator’s settings.

Consumer Key: Do not change it. This field is filled out via the Schoology administrator’s settings.

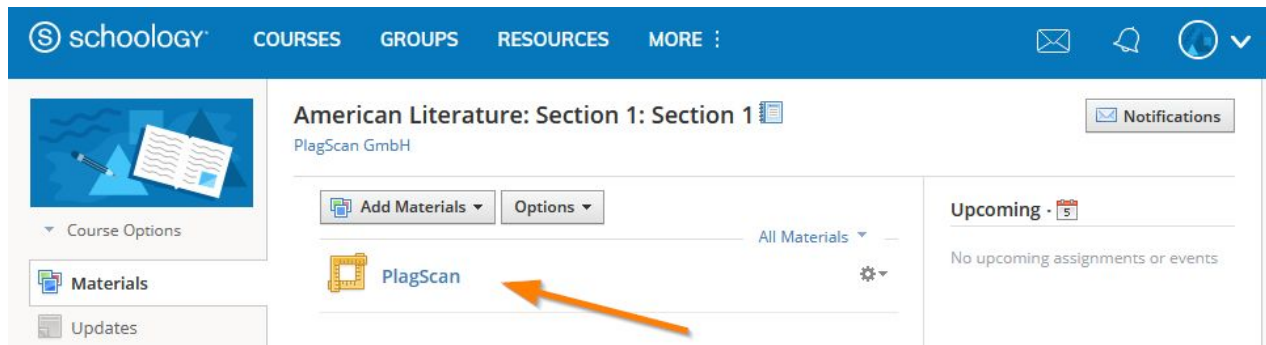
Shared Secret: Do not change it. This field is filled out via the Schoology administrator’s settings.

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Add External Tool" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The dialog contains the following fields and controls:

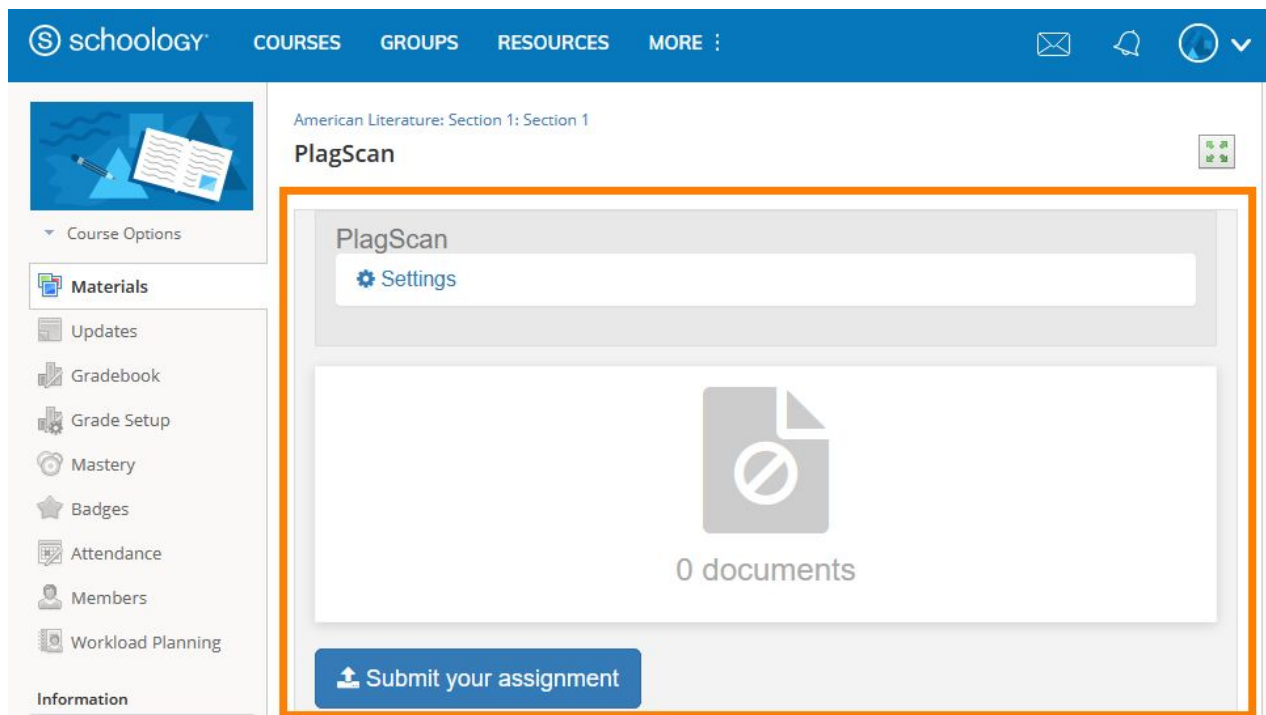
- Tool Provider:** A dropdown menu with "PlagScan" selected.
- Title: ***: A text input field containing "PlagScan".
- URL: ***: A text input field containing "Custom".
- Consumer Key:** A text input field containing "Custom".
- Shared Secret:** A text input field containing "Custom".
- Custom Parameters:** An empty text input field.
- Enable Grading:** A checkbox that is currently unchecked, with a small icon to its left.
- Buttons:** "Submit" and "Cancel" buttons at the bottom center.

6. Click on “Submit” to finalize the configuration process. Now the PlagScan plugin is enabled and can be added by instructors to any course.

7. Back in the “Materials” view of your course you will see an entry with the title you created in the previous step.



8. Clicking on the entry will open the PlagScan Document Manager. If you see this, the integration into your Schoology course was successful.

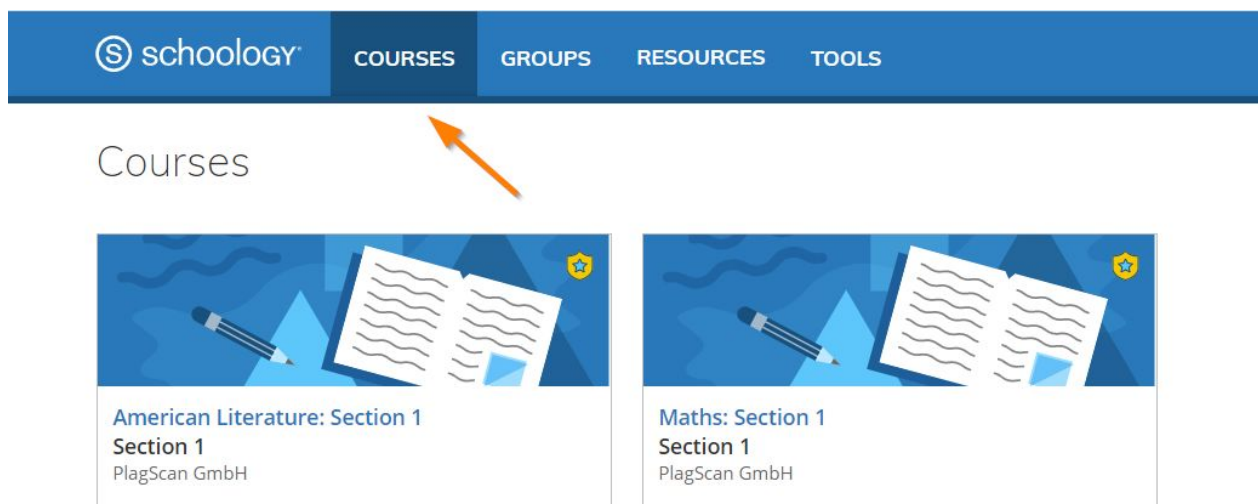


Phase 2: Assignment Configuration

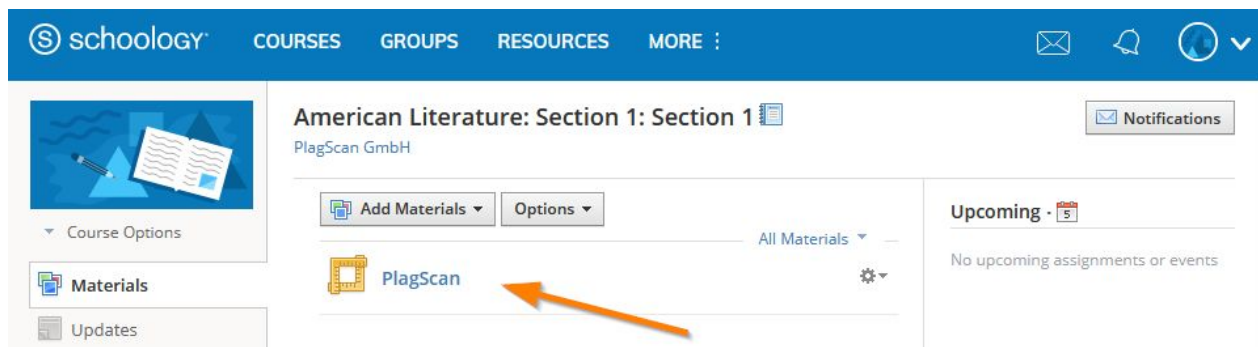
In this phase you will learn how to configure PlagScan for your assignment.

1. Navigate to the Schoology website <https://app.schoology.com/> and log in with your Schoology instructor account.
2. In the top navigation bar select “**Courses**” and click on the course for which you want to configure the PlagScan plugin.

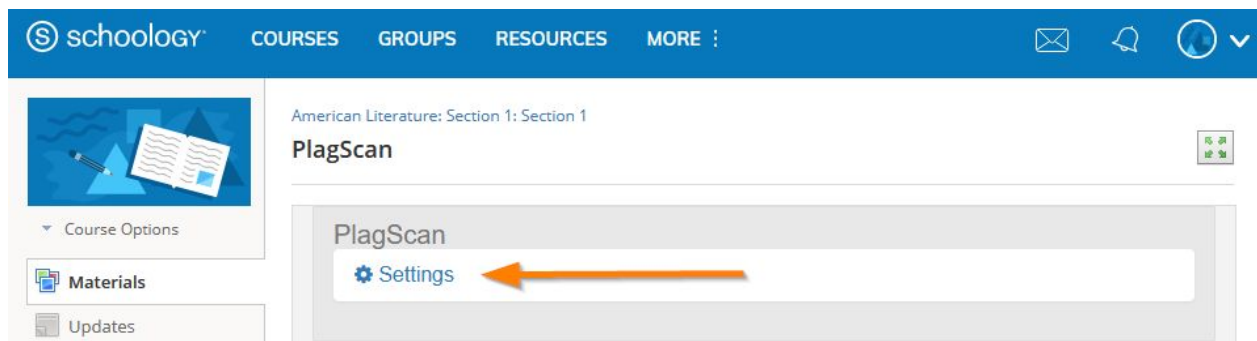
Note: You need to have a course set up previously to be able to choose one. You also need to have activated the PlagScan plugin for this course as explained in [Phase 1](#).



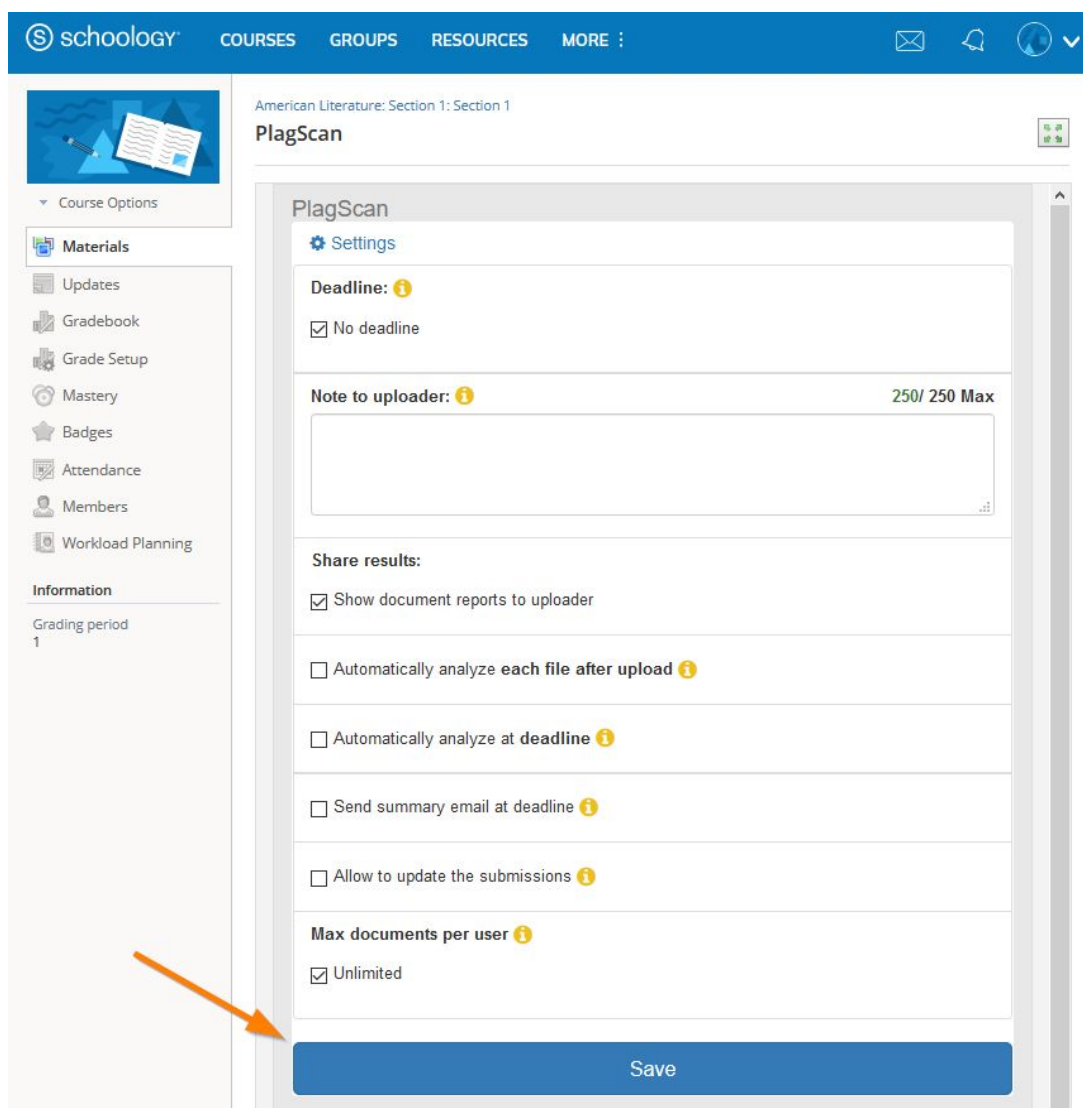
3. In the course view select the assignment you want to configure.



4. Click on the **“Settings”** link.



5. The different settings will be explained in the next [Phase 2.1](#). Once you are done configuring the PlagScan settings, click on the **“Save”** button at the bottom.



Phase 2.1: PlagScan Settings

The following settings can be changed for the PlagScan plugin:

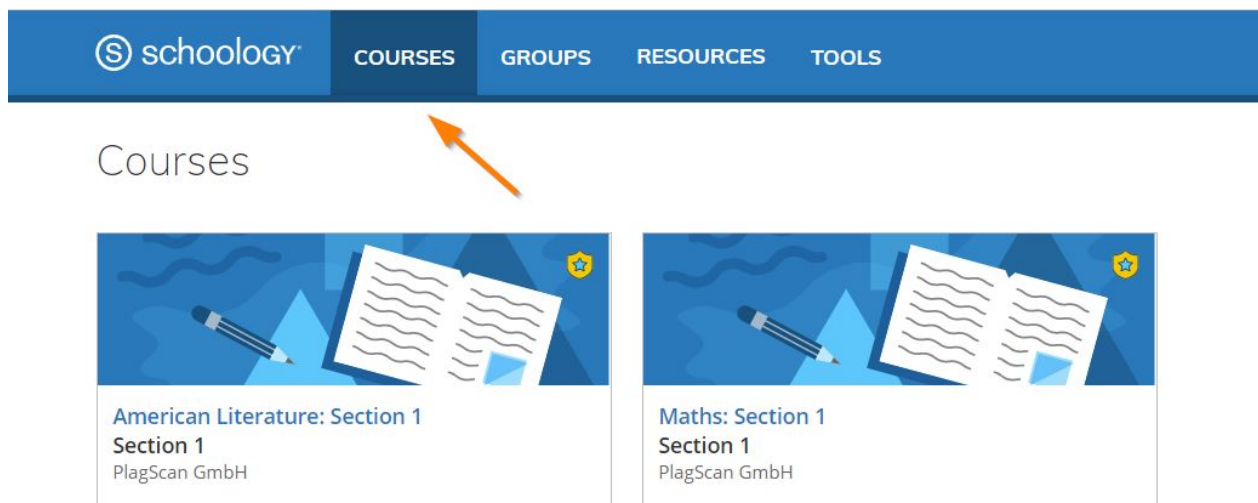
Settings	Explanation
<i>Deadline</i>	This is the date where the assignment will be closed and it will no longer be possible for students to submit more files.
<i>Note to uploader</i>	In this text area you can set a description or provide more information about the assignment. It will be shown under the title of the assignment within the iframe.
<i>Show document reports to uploader</i>	With this option you can allow students to see the plagiarism reports after the document was checked.
<i>Automatically analyse each file after upload</i>	This option will start the check and analysis of all documents in the assignment automatically as soon as they are submitted and successfully uploaded
<i>Automatically analyze at deadline</i>	This option will start the check and analysis of all documents in the assignment automatically as soon as the deadline set in the first setting was passed.
<i>Send summary email at deadline</i>	Activate this setting if you want to receive a notification email about your assignment, including paper title, first and last name of each uploader as soon as the deadline was passed.
<i>Allow to update the submissions</i>	With this option students are able to resubmit a document to replace the previous one.
<i>Max documents per user</i>	This option is used to restrict the number of documents each student can submit or upload.

Phase 3: Check documents & view the PlagScan report

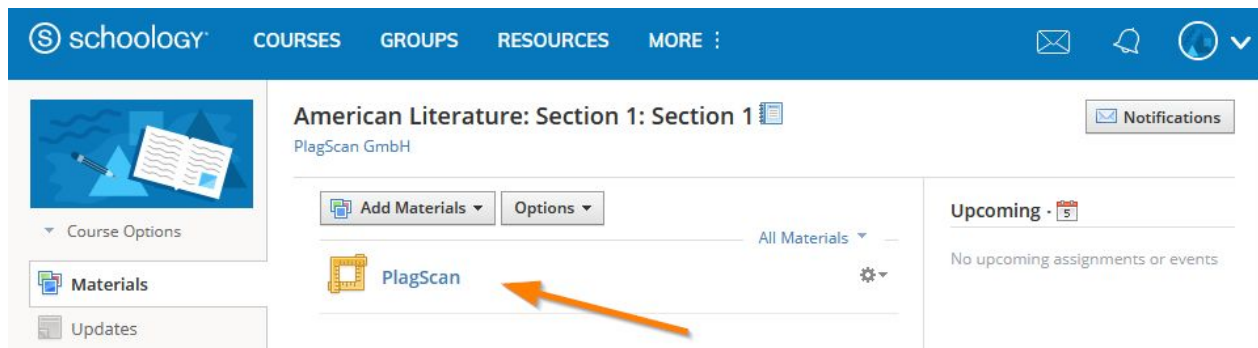
In this phase you will learn how to manually check documents (if you did not set up the setting for automatic analysis as explained in [Phase 2.1](#)) and how to access the PlagScan report.

1. Navigate to the Schoology website <https://app.schoology.com/> and log in with your Schoology instructor account.
2. In the top navigation bar select “**Courses**” and click on the course for which you want to view.

Note: You need to have a course set up previously to be able to choose one. You also need to have activated the PlagScan plugin for this course as explained in [Phase 1](#).



3. In the course view select the assignment you want to view.



- You will see an overview of all documents that were uploaded to this assignment. In the far right column titled **“Report”** for each uploaded document you can find a **“Start check”** button. Click on it, to manually start the plagiarism check for this document.

The screenshot shows the Schoology interface for a PlagScan assignment. On the left is a navigation sidebar with options like Materials, Updates, Gradebook, etc. The main content area is titled 'PlagScan' and shows a table with one document entry. An orange arrow points to the 'Start check' button in the 'Report' column of the table.

First name	Last name	Title	Upload date	Words	Content	Report
		PlagScan Example Document	05.03.2020, 18:09	934		▶ Start check

- While the document is being checked, you will see the status **“Checking ...”**.

This screenshot shows the same PlagScan interface, but the document's status has changed. The 'Report' column now displays 'Checking...'. An orange arrow points to this status.

First name	Last name	Title	Upload date	Words	Content	Report
Michael	Beck	PlagScan Example Document	05.03.2020, 18:09	934		Checking...

- Once the analysis is over you will see the “**PlagLevel**” of the document you checked, made visible by a percentage. Click on the percentage to open the interactive plagiarism report.

The screenshot displays the PlagScan interface within a Schoolology course. The top navigation bar includes 'schoolology', 'COURSES', 'GROUPS', and 'RESOURCES'. The course title is 'American Literature: Section 1: Section 1'. The main content area is titled 'PlagScan' and features a 'Settings' button. Below this, a table lists documents. The table has columns for 'First name', 'Last name', 'Title', 'Upload date', 'Words', 'Content', and 'Report'. A single document is listed: 'PlagScan Example Document' with an upload date of '05.03.2020, 18:09', 934 words, and a plag level of 68.9%. An orange arrow points to the 68.9% value in the 'Report' column. A 'Submit your assignment' button is located at the bottom of the interface.

First name	Last name	Title	Upload date	Words	Content	Report
		PlagScan Example Document	05.03.2020, 18:09	934		68.9%

Phase 4: About the PlagScan Report

The Docman table shows all submitted documents, whether they have been analyzed or not. At the end of the plagiarism checking you can click on the percentage, indicating the amount of text matches that were found, to access the interactive plagiarism report. This report shows all the passages with potential plagiarism, which enable you to analyse it at different levels.

PlagLevel



The PlagLevel is an estimate of how much content within a document is plagiarized. In order to indicate if a document requires in-depth investigation, PlagScan calculates the percentage of duplicated content.



Due to a very low percentage of matches, your document is unlikely to contain plagiarism (from the internet or local databases).



A closer look at the document report is recommended.



The document most likely contains plagiarism. Please consider an in-depth look at the report.

Interactive Browser Report

PlagScan | PRO Results of plagiarism analysis from 26.02.2020, 16:41

PlagScan_Example_Document.pdf

Date: 17.02.2020, 13:28

43.4%

View: All sources (6) 26 matches

- All sources (6)
- Top three (3)
- Internet sources (2)
- Publisher sources (1)
- Own documents (1)
- Organization archive (1)
- Plagiarism Prevention Pool (1)

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[1] apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guide 8.0% 4 matches Highlight matches in sour 2 documents with identical matches

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Example Document - PlagScan

This document will showcase you the various capabilities of PlagScan. Some text is highlighted in various colors. An exact match from another source is shown in red, differing parts of a sentence will be marked in blue and recognized citations are marked in green.

Detection of regular matches

One of the most common issues concerning plagiarism is text taken from web sources. Let us assume someone uses the following definition of the term "plagiarism" from the APA style guide:

Plagiarism is the act of presenting the words, ideas, or images of another as your own; it denies authors or creators of content the credit they are due. Whether deliberate or unintentional, plagiarism violates ethical standards in scholarship. Writers who plagiarize disrespect the efforts

The interactive browser report enables you to view the detected matches. PlagScan highlights those in three different colors, depending on their significance. Red indicates you have matches, blue indicates you have potentially modified text, and green indicates proper citations.

The sources of the highlighted matches can be found in the source list (see below). Click on the number next to a source in the source list, to jump to the longest match of that source, which will then be marked in yellow.

List of Sources

- Internet sources (7)
- Own documents (1)

[0] www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/1360080X.2013.844666 7.1% 4 matches Highlight matches in source 3 documents with identical matches

You can find the location of the matching sources in the source list. The category indicates whether the source is a match from a website or another database. You can see the matches directly in the source text if you click the link to the source

Collaboration



There is no need to download your report anymore — just share the report link to grant commenting, editing or reading access to others. You can collaborate and interact with your student so they can directly read, leave, or respond to comments.

Downloads and reports views



The PlagScan plagiarism report is available to download as PDF and Word files. Both formats display the sources of the interactive browser report.

PlagScan offers other online views in addition to the interactive report. If you wish for a complete overview of the matches and sources, you can read the PlagScan report as a list. For slow connections, we offer the report as plain text.

For more information on the plagiarism report visit <https://www.plagscan.com/en/plagiarism-reports>

We are looking forward to receiving your feedback at pro@plagscan.com. If anything is missing in this tutorial on how to get started with the PlagScan plugin for Canvas, do not hesitate to contact us. We always strive to improve our service and appreciate your help!

Thanks,
Your PlagScan-Team