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**What is electronic verification?** Electronic checks for matches in the work of students, doctoral candidates and faculty members of the University of National and World Economy (UNWE) with already published works are carried out through specialized software StrikePlagiarism.com (<https://strikeplagiarism.com/en/>). Video guide for interpreting verification results:

**What works can be checked for originality?** All academic works created and/or used in the UNWE system may be subject to originality checks:

1. diploma theses and master's theses;
2. dissertations for obtaining the educational and scientific degree "Doctor";
3. dissertations for obtaining the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences";
4. monographs, textbooks, teaching aids and collective volumes from scientific forums organized by UNWE;
5. written materials subject to publication, which are presented as scientific results from university research projects;
6. articles, studies, scientific communications, papers submitted for publication in UNWE scientific publications;
7. other written materials of any kind and nature subject to publication.

**Who can initiate an electronic verification?** Any member of the academic staff of UNWE may at any time request a check for matches in an academic work created by them. In addition, checks for matches are also carried out at the request of the following persons:

Academic works	Persons who may request verification
Diploma theses and master's theses	students, academic supervisors of students
Dissertations for awarding the educational and scientific degree "Doctor"	doctoral candidates, academic supervisors of doctoral candidates and internal reviewers
Dissertations for awarding the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences"; monographs; textbooks and teaching aids	internal reviewers
Papers to be published in collective volumes from scientific forums organized by UNWE	chairpersons of editorial boards
Academic works submitted for participation in competitions for obtaining scientific degrees or for appointment to academic positions	chairpersons of academic juries
Scientific results from university research projects	heads of research teams

**Who performs the verification?** The competent body for performing electronic verification of originality is the "Information Resources" sector of the "University Library" directorate of UNWE.

**What are the steps to successfully complete the verification?**

1. Any authorized person wishing to initiate an electronic originality check of a document submits an electronic application / application for students, to which they attach the file subject to verification in machine-readable format (Word, PDF). Access to the applications is obtained by entering an institutional email address (@unwe.bg).
2. After receiving the file, the "Information Resources" sector checks its quality and format, and in case of identified inconsistencies that prevent verification, notifies the applicant within five working days. They are obliged to provide a new file that meets the technical requirements. The deadline for performing the verification begins from the moment the new file is provided.
3. An employee from the "Information Resources" sector performs the verification within five working days from receipt of the material. In case of objective impossibility to meet the deadline, the employee determines a new estimated deadline and communicates it to the applicant by email.
4. The verification result includes materials generated by the specialized software:
  - o similarity report and
  - o appendix to the report, generated by the specialized software, for detected matches. The report and its appendix are sent to the official email address from which the material subject to verification was sent. In cases where the verification is requested by a person other than the author of the verified academic work, a copy of the report and its appendix must also be sent to the author's official email address. Every author of an academic work has the right to request from the "Information Resources" sector a certified copy of the similarity report (without the appendix).

**What is important to know about the verification result?** Regardless of the volume of matches found during verification, the result is not considered plagiarism or another manifestation of dishonesty in academic work, nor a violation of copyright. It can be considered solely and only as an indication of potential violations and can serve as a reason and basis for a comprehensive in-depth review. The result of a verification is confidential information. Employees performing the verifications do not in any way distribute the works received for verification, as well as the results of the verifications performed.