Moodle: Using Groups

Last Modified on 09/02/2025 2:06 pm EDT

Instructors can use Moodle **Groups** to **divide a class into sections** or **create collaborative working groups** for particular course Activities. For example, an instructor might create a group for each cohort in a course with graduate and undergraduate students to show them different assignments and readings or create project groups to make it easier for students to collaborate on joint work.

> **Before you start**, you may need the following:
>
> - an **Instructor of record** or **Other editing teacher** role in a Bryn Mawr Moodle course.

Create groups

Manually

Use this option if you want maximum control over the name of each group and do not need to randomly assign students to groups. See also this Moodle video demo⧉.

Automatically

Have Moodle **create a specified number of groups** and/or **auto-assign students to groups** for you. (You can also manually add and remove members from auto-created groups.)

Add/remove Group members

Restrict access to course materials by group

If you need to **provide different course materials for some students in a course**, such as graduate students in a course that also enrolls undergraduates or students taking a course for language credit who need

readings in that language, **create a group for those students**, then create course resources or sections visible only to that group.

For course section

Make all contents of a course section visible to certain groups and not others.

For individual resources (files, URLs, etc.)

Make individual files, URLs and and other resources visible to certain groups and not others.

Create collaborative group workspaces

Create online spaces for students to work in groups by applying a **group mode** to **collaborative activities such as Forum, Database, Glossary or Wiki.**

Create a group Assignment

When group submission is turned on for an Assignment activity, only one group member needs to submit for the entire group and the grade and feedback on the submission is applied to all group members.

Videos & Further Reading on Groups

- **Video:** How can I add groups to my (Moodle) courses?
- **MoodleDocs:** Groups

Questions?

If you have any additional questions or problems, don't hesitate to reach out to the **Help Desk!**

Phone: 610-526-7440 | Library and Help Desk hours
Email: help@brynmawr.edu | Service catalog
Location: Canaday Library 1st floor