

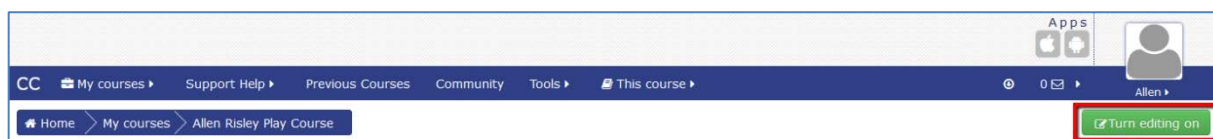


Groups and Groupings – 3.2 – Allowing Students to Self-select a Group

Why Do This

Using groups allows you to restrict the number of students working on a project, participating in the same forum discussion or other activities. The Group self-selection feature allows you to provide students with activity options, fostering motivation and participation. For example, students can join the wiki group researching their preferred topic or a forum dedicated to their area of interest within a field.

1. Log onto Cougar Courses and go to the main page of your course.
2. Click **Turn editing on**.



Overview

Before you can use the self-selection feature, you must have groups set up in your course. If you wish to have different groups for different activities, use groupings. See [Creating Groups and Groupings](#) in Faculty Resources for instructions. If the groups are related to a Cougar Courses activity, you must have group mode enabled in that activity. Place the group self-selection activity before the related Cougar Courses activity on your course page.

In the top content section, click the **Add an Activity** dropdown, select **Group self-selection** and click the **Add** button.

3. Enter a **Name** and **Description**.
4. *Select group from grouping* - choose **All groups** if you are not using groupings, or select the **grouping** name if you have previously created a grouping.
5. *Max members per group* – Enter a **numeric limit** for group sizes, 0 being unlimited.
6. Set dates available if desired:
 - a. *Open from* – Click the **Enable check box**, then **set the first date and time** students will be able to select a group.
 - b. *Open until* – Click the **Enable check box**, then **select the last date/time** students will be able to enroll in a group.

Name: Final Project - Self-select Your Group

Description: Choose the Final Project group that interests you the most. Note that only 3 students can participate in each group - so sign up early!

Display description on course page

Select groups from grouping: Final Project Groups

Min members per group: 0

Max members per group: 3

Open from: 17 August 2017 17:10 Enable

Open until: 31 August 2017 17:10 Enable

Note: Use the *Open until* date to ensure student self-select into groups before the start of their subsequent group activity.

7. Scroll to the bottom and click **Save and return to course.**

Note: If you **Save and display**, switch your role to Student in order to accurately check how this activity displays to students.

Student view

Final Project - Self-select Your Group

[Return to: General](#)

Choose the Final Project group that interests you the most. Note that only 3 students can participate in each group - so sign up early!

Open until Thursday, 31 August 2017, 5:10 PM

[Create a new group](#)

Group	Group description	Count	Members	Action
Final Project Group 1	This group will be creating a web-based map of natural resources in San Diego County.	2/3	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> CCTR Training </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-top: 5px;"> 20, CCTR Training 03 </div>	Become member of
Final Project Group 2	Make a web based map of agricultural resources in San Diego County.	1/3	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> CCTR Training </div>	Become member of