How do I use groups?

Groups are subsets of participants for a given site. Groups can be created on an ad-hoc basis by instructors in course sites or by owners or administrators in collaboration sites. Groups are useful to organize study groups, project teams, and other non-official subsets of site participants. In course sites, each course roster section behaves like a group (i.e., group-aware tools recognize the section as a group).

You can use groups to make site content available to specific site participants. For example, a private announcement can be made available to a group and an email notification can be sent to members of that group. You can also use groups to create group assignments, or limit access to a test or quiz with settings for specific groups.

For information on creating and editing groups, see How do I create groups?

Note: If an assignment or assessment has been released to specific groups, changing which groups have access to the assignment, or modifying/deleting a group after students have begun work is not allowed.

Which tools use groups?

You can use groups with the tools listed below. The descriptions of how groups can be used are linked to Help articles that show how to enable group access.
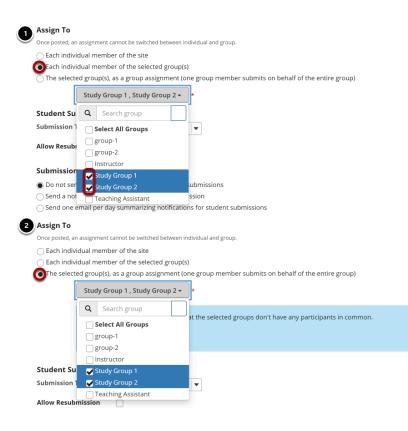
Announcements

[Post announcements for specific group(s).](#)

Assignments

1. [Restrict access to an assignment to specific groups.](#)
2. [Create group assignments, where one member of the group submits on behalf of the group (pictured above).](#)

Note: If an assignment has been created as a group assignment or released to groups, changing the groups who can submit it, or modifying or deleting a group after students have begun work on the assignment is not allowed.

Forms

Automatically Create Forums

○ Create one forum

● utomatically create multiple forums for groups

An instance of this forum will be created for each group selected below. Permissions are configured automatically. Once you save it, you won't be able to edit the group permissions. (More?)

☐ Instructor
☑ Study Group 1
☑ Study Group 2
☐ Teaching Assistant
☐ group-1
☐ group-2

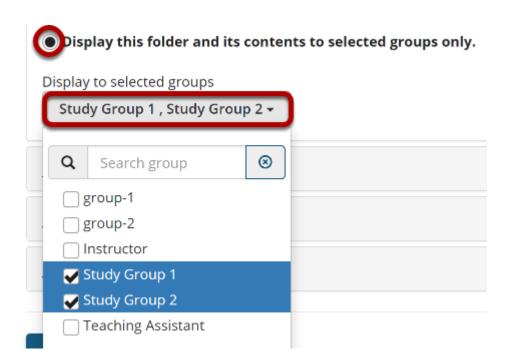[Automatically create multiple topics for groups.](#)

Messages

Messages / Compose

Compose a Message

Required items marked with *

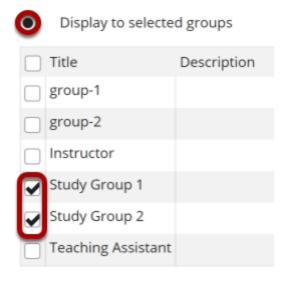| *To	Click here to select recipients ▼
	All Participants
⊕ **Add Bcc**	Instructor Role
	Student Role
Send Cc	group-1 Group
Label	group-2 Group
***Subject**	Instructor Group

[Send a private message to a specific group.](#)

Resources

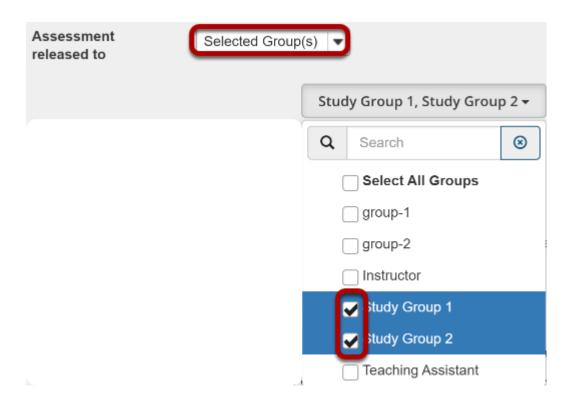[Limit access to file(s) and folders to specific group(s).](#)

Calendar

[Schedule events for specific groups only.](#)

Sign-up

[Set up office hours or meetings which are visible only to specific group(s).](#)

Tests & Quizzes

[Limit access to a test or quiz for specific group(s).](#)

Site Info

[Create and edit groups.](#)