



# Online Group Formation

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# Agenda

- Group Formation Options in Canvas
- Group Formation Options in Zoom
- Randomization Pros and Cons
- The “Lottery” Effect
- Group Agreements / Rules / Code of Conduct
- Canvas Tips and Tricks



# Group Formation in Canvas

## Self-Enroll

Create Group Set

Group Set Name

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Self Sign-Up  Allow self sign-up [?](#)

Require group members to be in the same section

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Group Structure Create  groups now

Limit groups to  members (Leave blank for no limit)

## Random

Create Group Set

Group Set Name

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Self Sign-Up  Allow self sign-up [?](#)

Require group members to be in the same section

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Group Structure  Split students into  groups

Split students into groups with  students per group

Require group members to be in the same section

I'll create groups later

## Manual



# Group Formation in Zoom

Select how participants are assigned

Create  breakout rooms

- Assign automatically
- Assign manually
- Let participants choose room



Requires version 5.3+

Create

Manual assign / Options / Open rooms

Breakout Rooms - Not Started ✕

- Room 1 Assign
- Room 2 Assign

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- Allow participants to choose room
- Allow participants to return to the main session at any time
- Automatically move all assigned participants into breakout rooms

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- Breakout rooms close automatically after:  minutes
- Notify me when the time is up
- Countdown after closing breakout room

Set countdown timer:  seconds

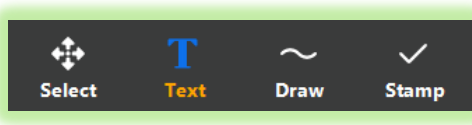
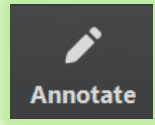


Options

Recreate

Add a Room

Open All Rooms



# Randomization Pros and Cons

**Pros**

**Cons**





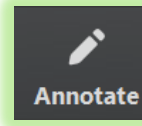
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# The “Lottery” Effect



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# Agreements / Rules / Code of Conduct

Examples of rules or norms that group members should agree on?



# Canvas Tips and Tricks





# Setting up student journals in Canvas

## Create groups of 1

Create Group Set ×

Group Set Name

- Self Sign-Up  Allow self sign-up <sup>?</sup>  
 Require group members to be in the same section

- Group Structure  Split students into  groups  
 Split students into groups with  students per group  
 Require group members to be in the same section  
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- Leadership  Automatically assign a student group leader  
 Set first student to join as group leader  
 Set a random student as group leader

## Create associated discussions

Groups (7)

▶ <u>Journals 1</u>	<a href="#">Jane Doe</a>	1 student	⋮
▶ <u>Journals 2</u>	<a href="#">Demitri Demoko...</a>	1 student	⋮
▶ <u>Journals 3</u>	<a href="#">Edmund Seow</a>	1 student	⋮
▶ <u>Journals 4</u>	<a href="#">John Smith</a>	1 student	⋮
▶ <u>Journals 5</u>	<a href="#">Ivan Bao</a>	1 student	⋮
▶ <u>Journals 6</u>	<a href="#">Zoe Zemo</a>	1 student	⋮
▶ <u>Journals 7</u>	<a href="#">Demi Demo</a>	1 student	⋮ 9



# Group assignment

## Group assignment

Group Assignment

This is a Group Assignment

Assign Grades to Each Student Individually

Group Set

Project 1

New Group Category

Peer Reviews

Require Peer Reviews

## Warnings:

- Must be enabled after all groups have been graded.
- If this option is disabled and any groups are graded, individual grades will be overwritten.

• Groups must be created before the group assignment.

• The Peer Review feature does not recognize Groups.