

Cougar Courses 2.0- Adding a Group Self-selection Activity

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.

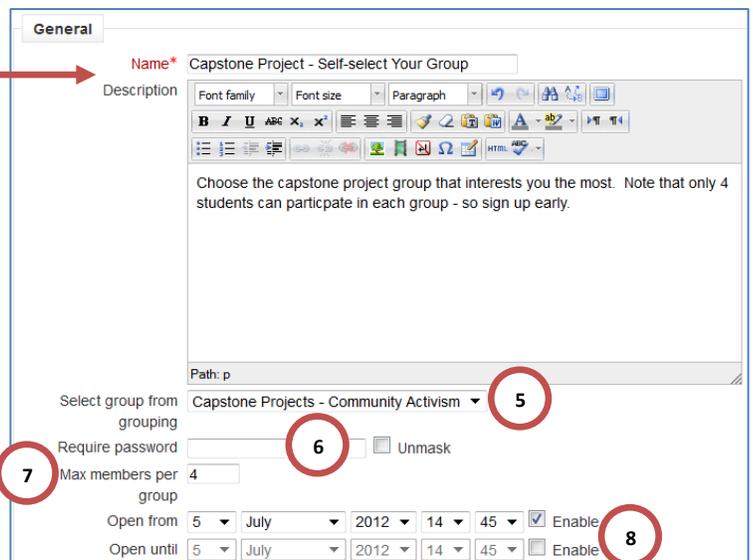
1. Log onto Cougar Courses and go to the main page of your course.
2. Click **Turn editing on**.



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 Moodle activity, you must have group mode enabled in that activity. Place the group self-selection activity before the related Moodle activity on your course page.

3. In the top content section, click the **Add an Activity** dropdown, select **Group self-selection**.
4. Enter a **Name** and **Description**.
5. *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.
6. *Require password* - you can **set a password** that is required to confirm a group selection. The default is none.
7. *Max members per group* – **Enter a numeric limit** for group sizes, 0 being unlimited.
8. 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.
9. Scroll to the bottom and click **Save and return to course**.



Student view

| Capstone Project - Self-select your group | | | | |
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| Choose the capstone project group that interests you the most. Note that only 4 students can participate in each group - so sign up early. | | | | |
| Group | Group description | Count | Members | Action |
| community action - voter registration | | 0/4 | | Become member of community action - voter registration |
| Community action: Renter's Rights | | 0/4 | | Become member of Community action: Renter's Rights |
| Community Action: Safe Neighborhoods | | 0/4 | | Become member of Community Action: Safe Neighborhoods |