Blackboard Groups

The Groups tool allows you to create student groups within a course.

- Groups are collaborative spaces for communication and course work.
- Students can only access the group(s) to which they are assigned.
- You can allow students to personalize and edit the group space.
- You control which tools are available in the group space.
- Large lecture and lab courses can auto-enroll students into random groups.

Group Management

- You can assign graded activities to groups using some of these tools (e.g., Assignments, Blogs, Discussions, Journals and Wikis).
- You can assign one grade for the group, and adjust individual grades for the same assignment.
- You can use Adaptive Release to control access to different content within groups. For example, in an Astronomy class, Group 1 could be assigned a set of readings on planets, while Group 2 is assigned a set of readings on stars. Each group could use group chat or a discussion forum to collaborate, then share a report on a course discussion board forum for with the entire class.

Optional Group Tools

- Blogs: Users within the group can create, post and comment.
- Discussion Board: Users within the group can create and manage their own forums, and edit the forum titles.
- Email: Users within the group can email individual members or the entire group.
- File Exchange: Users within the group and instructors can upload files to the group space and organize them through the creation of folders.
- Journals: Users within the group can be assigned a private journal that allows private communication between the instructor and the user.
- Tasks: Users within the group can create tasks that are distributed to all group members.
- Wikis: Users within the group can contribute and edit content within the same collaborative writing space.