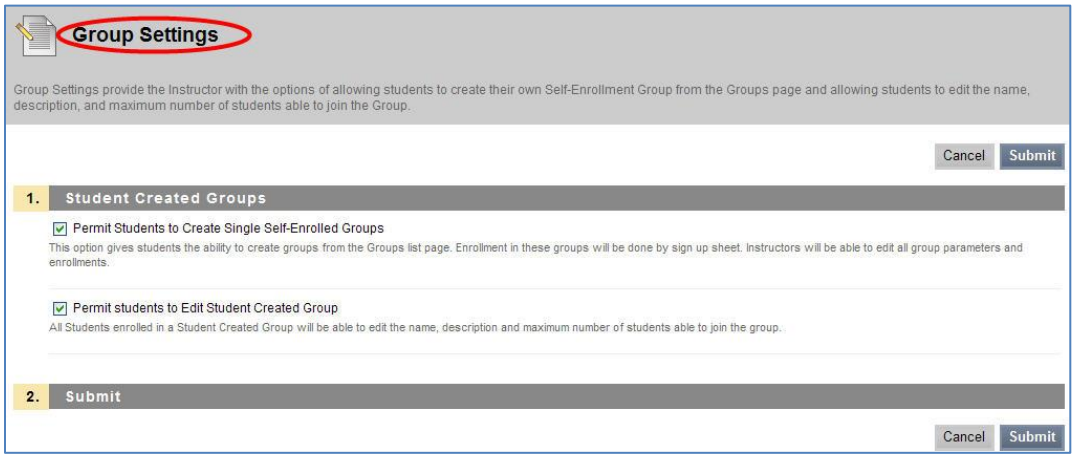
# Group Settings and Creation

The **Groups** feature allows Instructors to create groups of students within a Course. These Course Groups have their own area in the Course to collaborate. These spaces are equipped with tools that can assist in this collaborative process: Blogs, Journals, Wikis, file sharing, discussions and Group Assignments. Groups can be created in a couple of different ways:

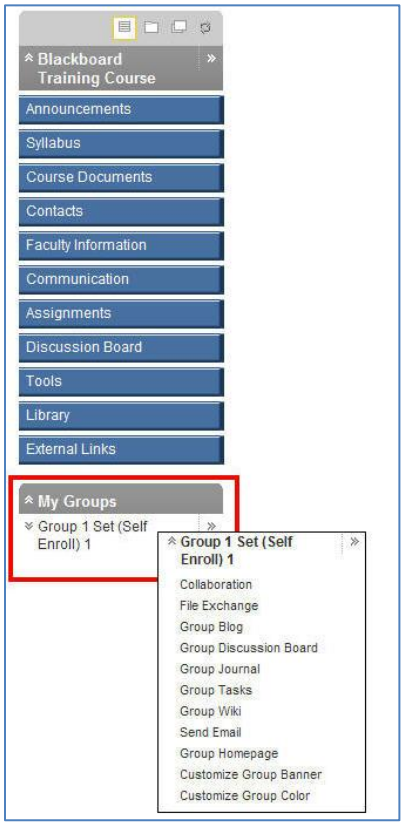
- **Single Groups** - Instructors can create a single group with the option of manually enrolling members or allowing self-enrollment where students can enroll themselves using a sign-up sheet.

- **Group Sets** - Instructors can easily create multiple groups with the same settings with the creation of one group. Like Single Group, this tool allows for manual or self-enroll, and has an additional option of random enroll where Blackboard chooses and enrolls members randomly.

**Group Settings** is another feature available for groups where the instructor can permit students to create their own-self-enrolled groups, and also permit them to edit their student-created groups. Both are defaulted enabled, but can be disabled by the instructor.



**Creating Groups**

In Blackboard 9, Groups are created by first clicking on the “Groups” menu item found under “Users and Groups” in the expandable Control Panel Menu located on the left side of your screen.

Students can see what group they are in by viewing the My Groups menu located below the Navigation Menu on the left side of the screen. Notice the Chevron next to the name of the group. Clicking on the chevron will expand the menu to show a list of available options such as Group Discussion Board, Email link, and Group Homepage.