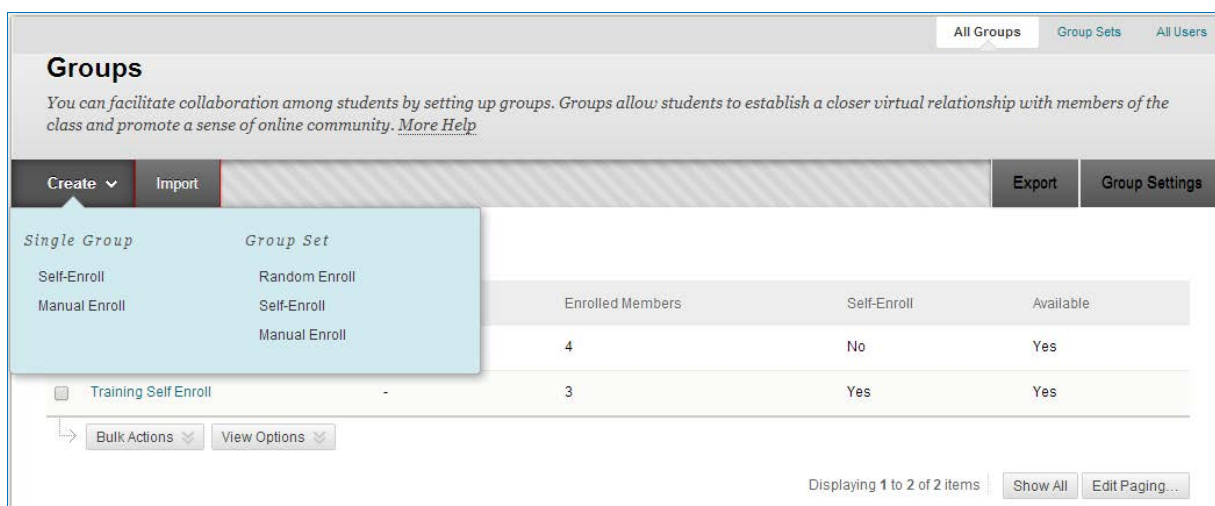


Groups: Overview

Classes of at least four students may be divided into groups in Blackboard. These groups may be assigned short-term or long-term collaborative projects, or receive different assignments based on their class status. For example, Instructors can group students based on their current degree plans, or create groups in which graduate students can mentor undergraduates, those majoring in that subject can mentor those who are not.

Groups have their own area in the course, equipped with tools that can assist in this collaborative process: Email, Chat, Blogs, Journals, Wikis, File Sharing, a Discussion Board, and Group Assignments. Groups can be created one at a time or in sets:

- **Single Groups:** Instructors can create a single group with the option of manually enrolling members or allowing students to enroll themselves using an online sign-up sheet.
- **Group Sets:** Instructors can easily create multiple groups with identical settings. Like Single Groups, this tool allows for manual enrollment or self-enrollment, as well as random enrollment, in which Blackboard assigns members randomly to each group.



The screenshot shows the Blackboard Groups interface. At the top, there are tabs for "All Groups", "Group Sets", and "All Users". Below the tabs is a header "Groups" with a descriptive paragraph and a "More Help" link. A navigation bar contains "Create" (with a dropdown arrow), "Import", "Export", and "Group Settings". A dropdown menu is open under "Create", showing options for "Single Group" (Self-Enroll, Manual Enroll) and "Group Set" (Random Enroll, Self-Enroll, Manual Enroll). Below the menu is a table of existing groups.

	Enrolled Members	Self-Enroll	Available
	4	No	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Training Self Enroll	3	Yes	Yes

At the bottom of the table, there are "Bulk Actions" and "View Options" dropdowns. A footer indicates "Displaying 1 to 2 of 2 items" with "Show All" and "Edit Paging..." buttons.

Users may belong to more than one self-enroll group simultaneously. Groups may consist of any combination of students, Teaching Assistants, and Instructors. Groups may be deleted when they are no longer needed. Deleting a group does not remove the columns for associated assessments from the Grade Center grid.