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In D2L, instructors can divide students into small groups for activities such as discussions and assignments.

1. In your course, click **Course Tools** on the purple navigation bar.
2. Click **Groups**
3. Click **New Category**
4. Give your Category a name
5. Choose how students will be added to the groups from the Enrollment Type dropdown menu. (More information below).

A screenshot of a dropdown menu titled "Enrollment Type". The selected option is "# of Groups - No Auto Enrollments". A yellow circle highlights the dropdown arrow on the right side of the menu.

Figure: Click the dropdown arrow under enrollment type.

Enrollment Type Breakdown:

- **# of Groups - No Auto Enrollments:** Set a specific number of groups, with students manually added to each group.
- **Groups of #:** Automatically distribute students into groups, each capped at a specific number of users.
- **# of Groups:** Automatically enroll students into a set number of groups.
- **Groups of # - Self-Enrollment:** Students self-enroll into groups, with each group limited to a specific number of users.
- **# of Groups - Self-Enrollment:** Students self-enroll into one of a predetermined number of groups.
- **# of Groups, Capacity of # - Self-Enrollment:** Students self-enroll into a fixed number of groups, each with a defined maximum capacity.

6. Customize the group settings

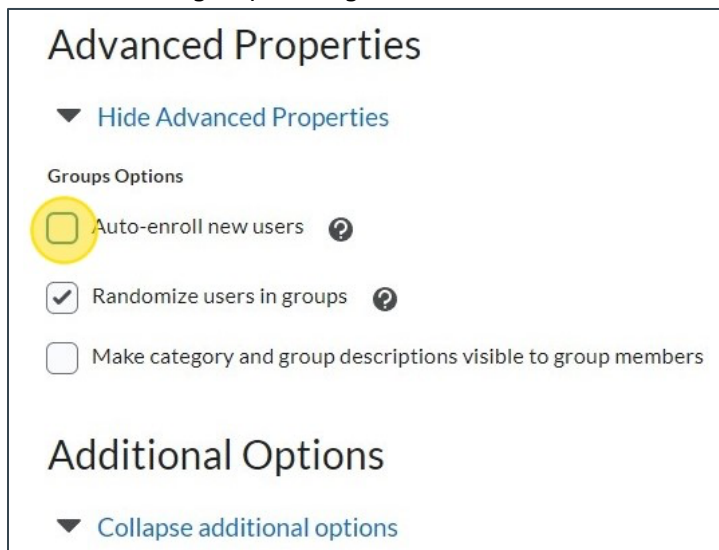


Figure: Under Advanced Properties and Additional Options, customize your group settings.

7. Click **Save**

Note:

D2L does not automatically re-balance enrollments across groups when students withdraw from the course, even if groups are set up for automatic enrollment. It is recommended that instructors check group enrollments and manually change them using information from [Adding Students to Groups](#) if necessary.