Discussion topics can be restricted to a group that has been set up in the course site.

## Setting up Group Discussions

Note: Groups *must* be created before creating group discussion topics. See Creating Groups for more information.

1. Click **Discussions** in the course navigation bar
2. Click the dropdown arrow beside the topic.
3. Select **Edit Topic**.
4. Select **Availability Dates & Conditions**
5. *Under "Group and Section Restrictions" select **Manage Restrictions***.



*Figure: Manage Restrictions to assign to groups.*

6. Choose from the two options [1]:
   a. **Restrict topic to only selected groups**: Users in the selected groups can view this topic and all of its threads.
   b. **Separate threads to create small group discussions**: Users in the selected groups can view this topic but will only see threads from their group.

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7. Choose the group under **Group or Section Category** [2].



*Figure: Modify Group Restrictions*

8. Click **Add**.
9. Modify any other settings for the discussion. When complete, click **Save and Close**.

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