

Blackboard Collaborate Ultra – Moderator – Breakout Groups

Introduction

Breakout groups allow the moderator to divide the users into groups. Each group can use the audio and video features as well as chat, share files, use the whiteboard, and share applications. Group communication is locked into the specified group and cannot be heard or seen by other groups.

Share Content

- Share Blank Whiteboard
- Share Application
- Share Files

Secondary Content

- Polling

Interact

- Breakout Groups

Moderators can randomly assign groups or define which user goes to which group. The users can also be given the option to switch groups to move between different groups. To begin using *Breakout Groups* go to the *Collaborate Panel* and *Share Content*.

Once the *Breakout Groups* interface is open the first option controls if the groups are custom assigned or random and whether or not participants can switch groups. If custom assignments are chosen, the moderator can drag/drop users from the main room into a group (or use the three dots to the right of the user's name to assign them to a group). Users can also be added to groups using the *Add participant to Group* icon inside of each group.

Breakout Group Interface

< Breakout Groups

Assign Groups

Custom assignment

Allow participants to switch groups

Main Room

- Nikki ...
- Sherry #2 ...
- Sherry Office ...

3 members

Group 1

Group 2

0 members

Cancel Start

Chat

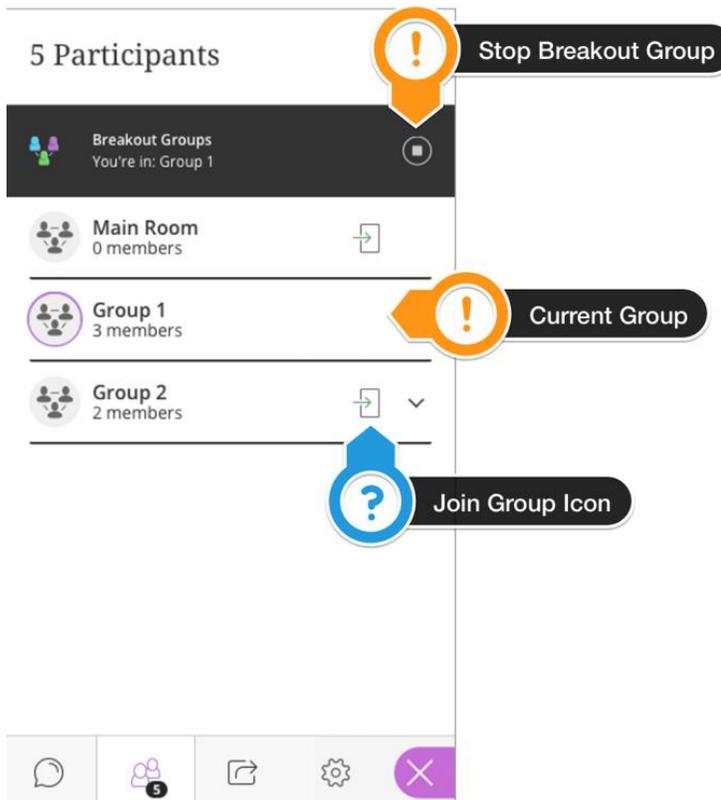
Once groups are assigned the chat is automatically set to go to the correct group. Audio will also only be heard by the associated group members.

Chat

Chat with: Group 1

Recording

Group sessions cannot be recorded. If the main room is being recorded and all users are split into breakout groups (the main room has 0 users) then the recording will automatically stop. When users return to the main room recording will have to be manually started.



If there are 1 or more users remaining in the main room the recording will continue. If these users are not speaking or sharing content the recorded video will be dead air (silence with no visual activity). Any sharing or speaking will be recorded as normal.