Quick Start Guide to: Setting up Group Discussions

**Prerequisite:** Before creating Group Discussions you must first create your groups. For more information about setting up groups in D2L visit our help pages at: [http://help.d2l.arizona.edu/GRPNew](http://help.d2l.arizona.edu/GRPNew).

**Step 1:** Discussion Forums are used to house related Discussion Topics. Topics must be created within a Forum so you must create at least one Forum before you can create a Topic. To create a new Discussion Forum click the **New** button and select **New Forum** from the drop down menu.

**Step 2:** Type a name for your forum in the **Title** field and set any necessary Availability and/or Locking restrictions. For more information about the options on the **Properties** tab visit our help pages at: [http://help.d2l.arizona.edu/DISCNewForum](http://help.d2l.arizona.edu/DISCNewForum).

**Step 3:** When you have finished creating your Forum, click the **Group and Section Restrictions** link at the top of the Discussions page, then select your newly created Group from the **Group or Section Category** drop down and your newly created forum from the **Forum** drop down menu. Finally, click the **Automatically create restricted topics** link. For more information about creating group restricted Discussion Topics visit our help pages at: [http://help.d2l.arizona.edu/DISCGrpRestrict#A](http://help.d2l.arizona.edu/DISCGrpRestrict#A)