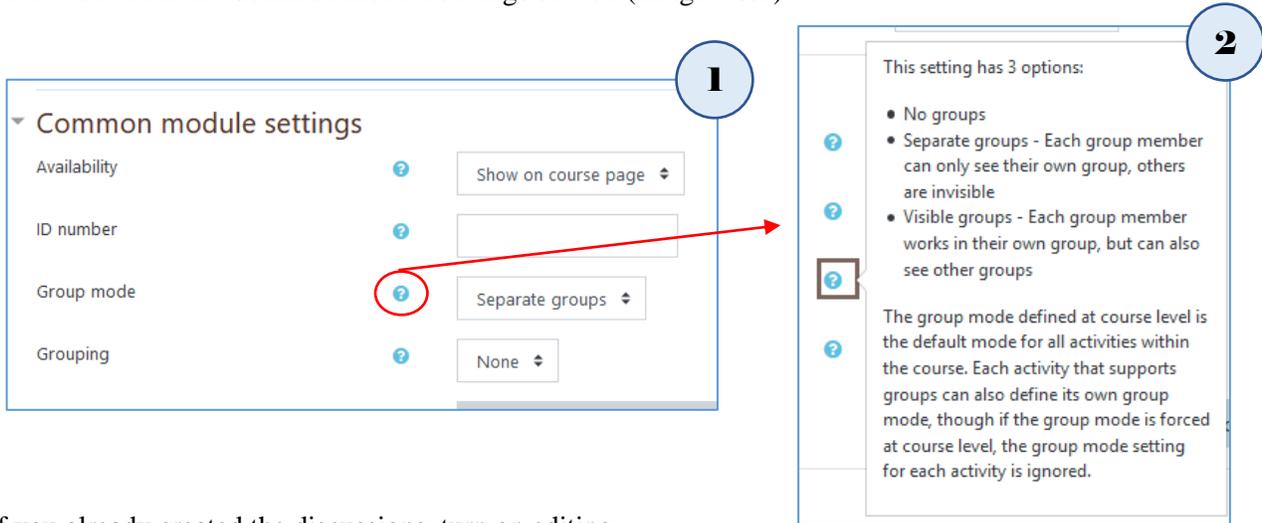# Discussion Forums with Metacourses and Multiple Course Sections/groups

When setting up a discussion board with groups you want to have the Separate groups turned on Turn it on under the Common module settings section (image 1 &2)

If you already created the discussions, turn on editing on the main course page and click on the person icon to change the setting (image 3 & 4)
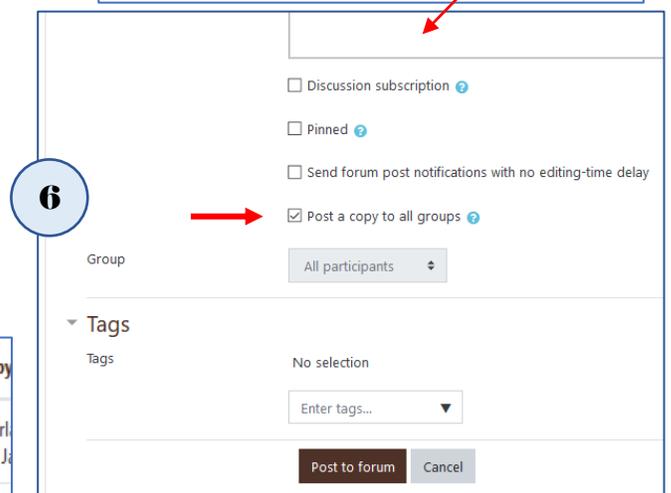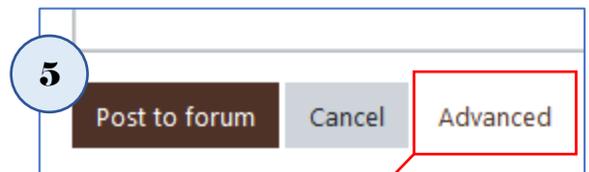

Standard Forum – students will only see post made by their "group/course section"

Q&A Forum – by default a Q&A forum requires the professor to create the first post/question and students are required to post a response to the professor's post before viewing other students' postings.

Setup of the Q&A forum for groups:
1. Select all the options as you normally would for your discussion and turn on **separate groups**. Once you have all the settings in place, click on Save and Display.
2. Click on **add a new question** and fill out the subject line and the message. You can do something simple like "Reply to this message to post your response" in both areas.
3. Click on the **Advanced** button (image 5)
4. Check the "**Post a copy to all groups**" (image 6) and Moodle will make a thread – one for each group.

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