

*Pre-assigning Students to Zoom Breakout Rooms  
Before the Meeting Begins*

Go to [usc.zoom.us](https://usc.zoom.us)\* and sign in. After you click “Schedule a Meeting,” scroll down to meeting options and select “**Breakout Room pre-assign.**”

The screenshot shows the Zoom meeting options interface. At the top, there are audio options: Telephone, Computer Audio, and Both. Below that is a dial-in number for the United States of America. The 'Meeting Options' section includes several checkboxes: 'Enable join before host' (checked), 'Mute participants upon entry' (unchecked), 'Enable waiting room' (unchecked), 'Only authenticated users can join' (unchecked), 'Breakout Room pre-assign' (checked), and 'Record the meeting automatically' (unchecked). Under 'Breakout Room pre-assign', there are two sub-options: '+ Create Rooms' and 'Import from CSV'. At the bottom, there is an 'Alternative Hosts' field with an example email address and two buttons: 'Save' and 'Cancel'.

There are two ways to add breakout rooms:

- a. If you then click on “+ **Create Rooms**” you can add team names and assign students to their team by adding their email addresses one by one.

The screenshot shows the 'Breakout Room Assignment' dialog box. It has a title bar with 'Breakout Room Assignment' and '1 room, 3 participants'. Below the title, there is a brief instruction: 'Assign participants to breakout rooms by adding their email. You can create up to 50 breakout rooms and assign up to a total of 200 participants.' The main area is divided into two columns: 'Rooms' and 'Team Name'. The 'Rooms' column has a '+ Add room' button and a list containing 'Team Name 1' with a '3' icon. The 'Team Name' column has a '\$ Add participants' button and a list of three email addresses: 'mperson@usc.edu', 'jfield@usc.edu', and 'emich@usc.edu'. At the bottom, there is an 'Import from CSV' link, a 'Cancel' button, and a 'Save' button.

b. If you already have teams formed in Blackboard through the “Groups” feature, the quickest way to create breakout rooms in Zoom is to “Import from CSV”

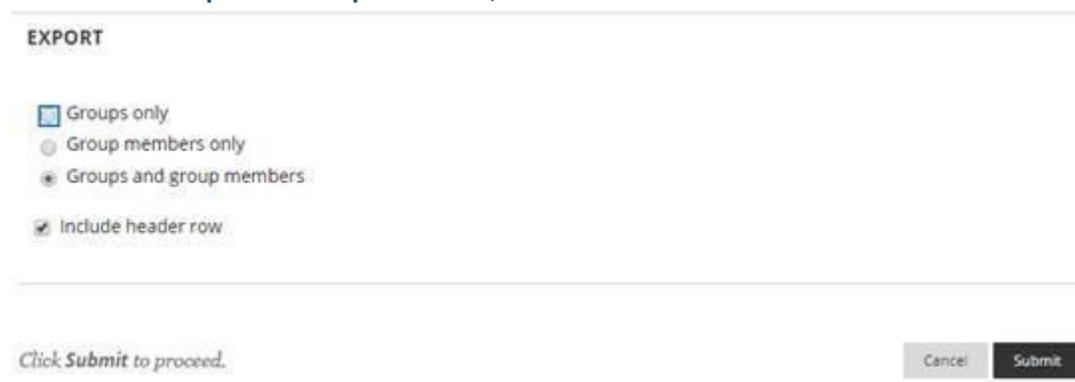
1. From Blackboard, select “Users and Groups” from the Left menu, then “Groups” and “Export” in the upper right corner.



The screenshot shows the Blackboard interface for the course '20201\_et\_525\_47758: Qualitative Research for Evidence-Based Practice'. The 'Groups' page is active, displaying a table of existing groups. The 'Export' button in the top right corner is circled in red.

NAME	GROUP SET	ENROLLED MEMBERS	SELF-ENROLL	AVAILABLE
QualOTs	-	7	No	Yes
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TeamSeva	-	7	No	Yes
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2. Select “Groups and Group Members,” check the box to “Include Header Row” then “Submit.”



The screenshot shows the 'EXPORT' dialog box in Blackboard. The options are:

- Groups only
- Group members only
- Groups and group members
- Include header row

At the bottom, there are 'Cancel' and 'Submit' buttons. A note says 'Click Submit to proceed.'

3. You will receive and email from blackboard with a link to download a zip file. Follow the link, open the zip file, then open the Excel CSV it contains.

4. Once inside the Excel file:
  - a. Delete any columns other than [A] Group Code and [B] User Name
    - Rename these two columns as [A] “Pre-assign Room Name” and [B] “Email Address”
  - b. Within each cell in the Email Address column, copy and paste “@usc.edu” to the end of their username to create their email address.
    - This part goes much faster if using the short cut keys **Ctrl+C** for Copy, and **Ctrl+V** for Paste

	A	B	C	D
1	Group Code	User Name		
2	QualOTs	lascal@usc.edu		
3	QualOTs	dmcandre@usc.edu		
4	QualOTs	sharadak@usc.edu		
5	QualOTs	llucas@usc.edu		
6	QualOTs	riosr@usc.edu		
7	QualOTs	ergoodma		
8	QualOTs	kdemuth		
9	QUALitater+OT	carlijim		
10	QUALitater+OT	kirawong		
11	QUALitater+OT	jlisle		
12	QUALitater+OT	kcassutt		

	A	B	C
1	Pre-assign Room Name	Email Address	
2	QualOTs	lascal@usc.edu	
3	QualOTs	dmcandre@usc.edu	
4	QualOTs	sharadak@usc.edu	
5	QualOTs	llucas@usc.edu	
6	QualOTs	riosr@usc.edu	
7	QualOTs	ergoodma@usc.edu	
8	QualOTs	kdemuth@usc.edu	
9	QUALitater+OT	carlijim@usc.edu	
10	QUALitater+OT	kirawong@usc.edu	
11	QUALitater+OT	jlisle@usc.edu	
12	QUALitater+OT	kcassutt@usc.edu	
13	QUALitater+OT	saminira@usc.edu	

- c. Once you’ve done this to all usernames, save as a **CSV file**.

5. Log into Zoom by going to [usc.zoom.us](https://usc.zoom.us)\* and Schedule a Meeting. Select “Breakout Rooms pre-assign” and “Import from CSV” (photos above).
  - a. **Drag and drop** this newly saved CSV file into the space provided, and Zoom should automatically create and name the breakout rooms according to your Group Code column, and assign student emails to the appropriate group.

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE!** – You have to log into Zoom by going through [usc.zoom.us](https://usc.zoom.us) in order to see the “Breakout Rooms pre-assign” option under meeting options. The option does not seem to appear when using Zoom through the Blackboard page.