Faculty: Create a Poll

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You can check in with your students easily with a quick poll. Who is their favorite composer or philosopher? What chapter would they like to present? Use a "Choice" activity to solicit their preferences.

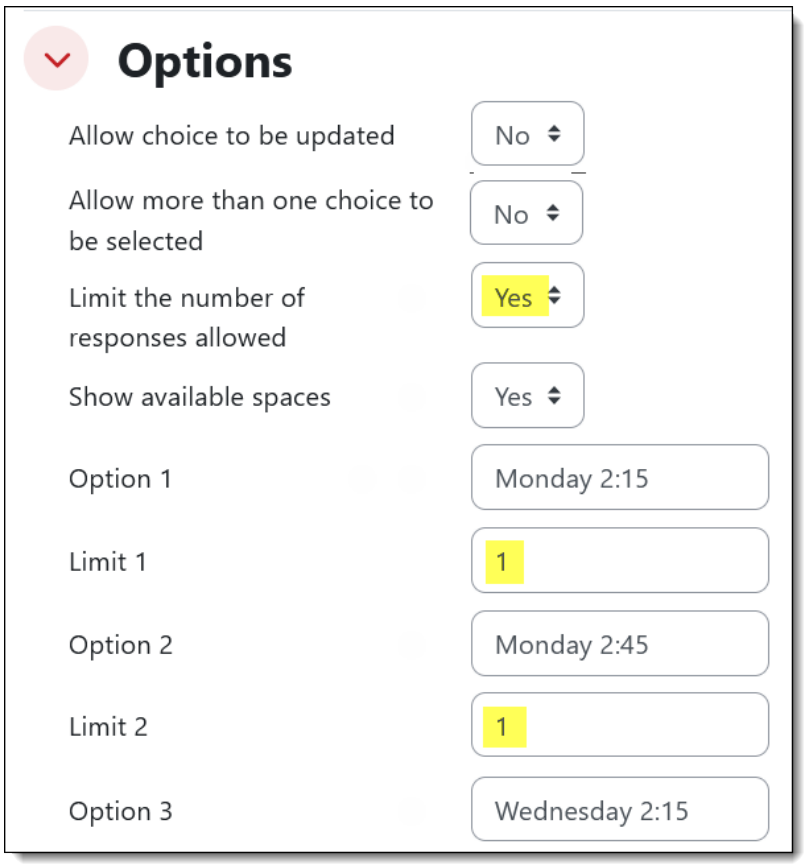
While you could use a Choice activity to find out which group students would like to join, a Group Choice activity will automatically enroll them in their chosen group, saving time and effort and enabling them to get started immediately on group work.

Choices are designed to solicit responses to a single question. To ask multiple questions (and automatically assign points for submission!), set up a questionnaire activity.

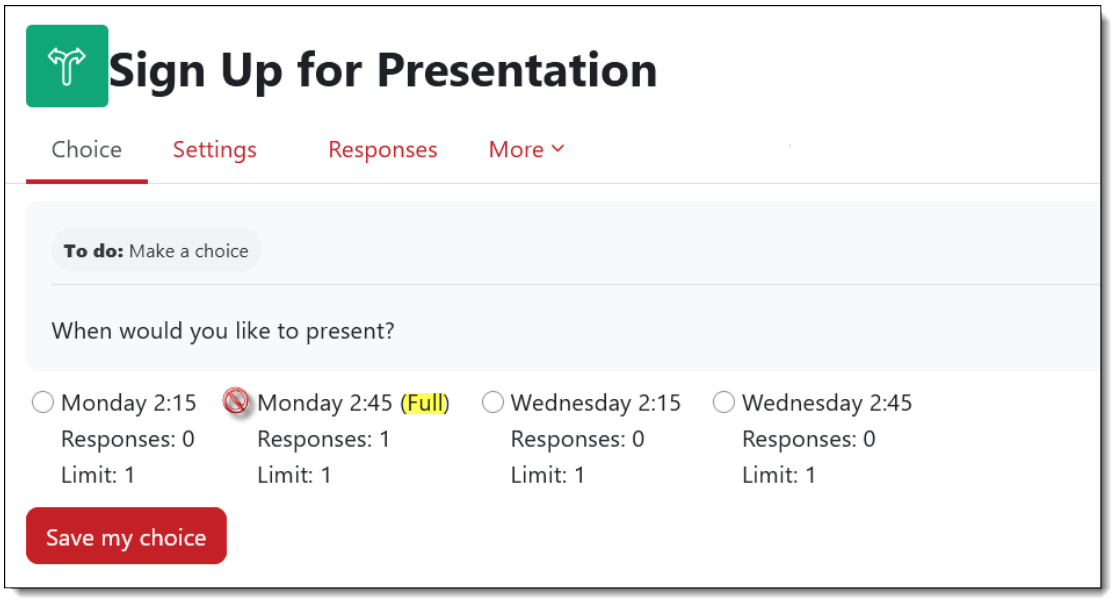
Options for choice activities include accepting multiple answers from each student and selecting an option on a student's behalf.

Create a Choice Activity

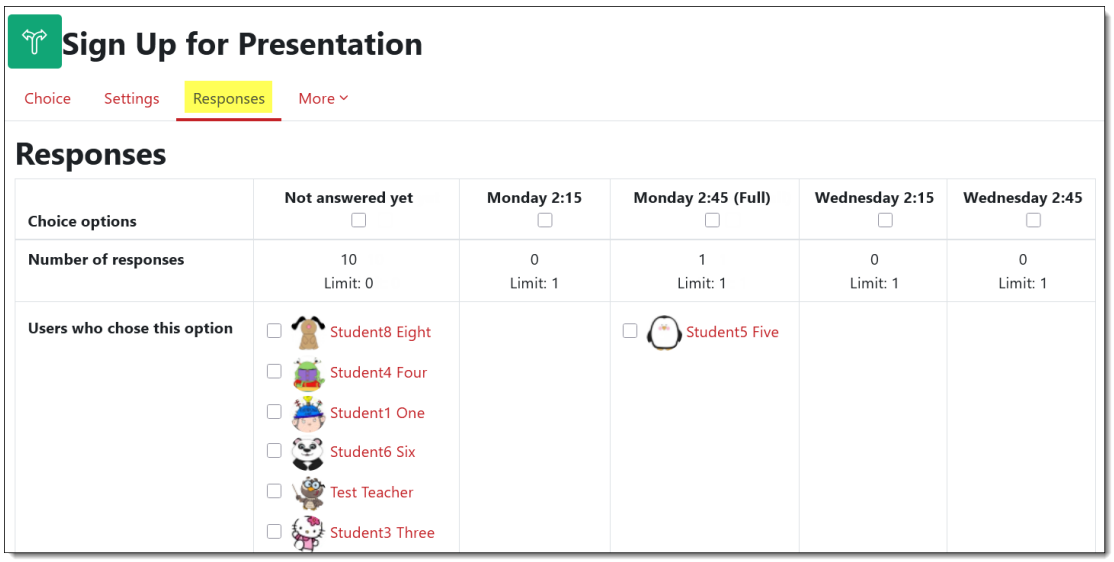
1. In a section, click on the **Add an activity or resource** plus sign.
2. Choose **Choice** from the list of activities.
3. Enter a title for the poll.
4. In the **Description** box, type in your question or instructions for completing the activity.
5. In the **Options** section, indicate if students should be able to update their response and/or choose more than one response. Enable limitations on the number of students who can select a response if desired.
6. Enter each possible response in its own **Option** field followed by any limit on the number of students desired, adding more fields if necessary (surplus fields will remain invisible).
7. Set date and time availability if you wish.
8. Adjust the remaining settings as you wish.
9. Save and display to see how it looks!



Here's what a choice for presentation sign-ups might look like:



To see who has responded to a poll, click on the **Responses** link at the top of the page. Note that this poll includes a column for those who have not yet responded, allowing you to make or change a choice for a student (see below). Results can be downloaded in a variety of formats if you like.



Choose an Option for a Student

1. To select an option for a student, click on the **Responses** link at the top of the page.
2. Check the box associated with the student's name.
3. Scroll down and use the **Choose an action** menu to select the desired choice. (Note: If you need to clear a student's choice, select **Delete**.)

As soon as you make a selection, the student's name will appear in the chosen column.

