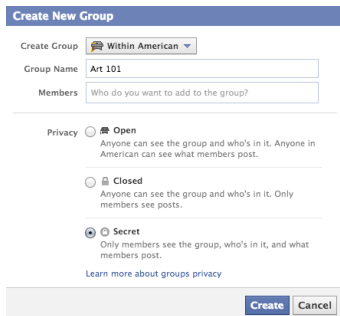# How to Invite Student Non–"Friends" to a Secret Facebook Group
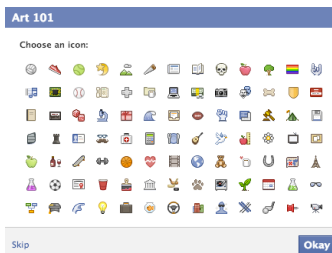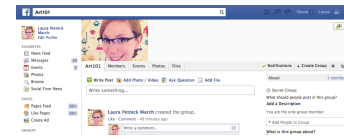
Create a Group

1. Log into Facebook, find Groups section, select "Add Group" at bottom of the list

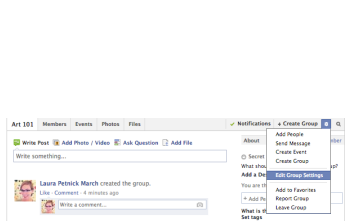2. Create a group name and select "Secret" in pop-up window, then hit "Create"
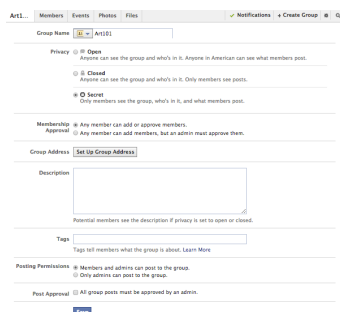

3. Choose an icon or skip (bottom left)

4. Your secret group is created

*Please note that you may need to add a friend (and remove later) to create a group if your school does not have Groups enabled
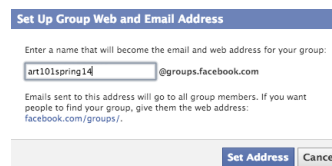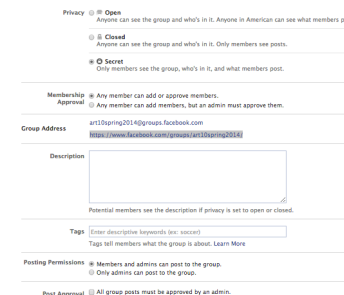
Add Students via Emailed Link

1. Within group page, go to Settings (gear icon) and select "Edit Group Settings"
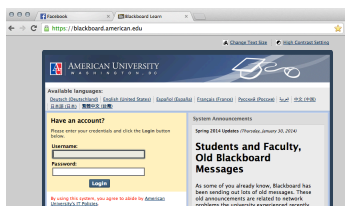

2. Scroll to middle of the Settings page and select "Set Up Group Address"
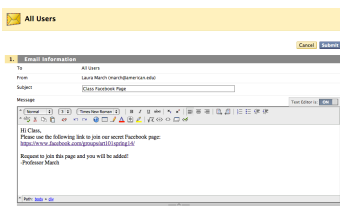

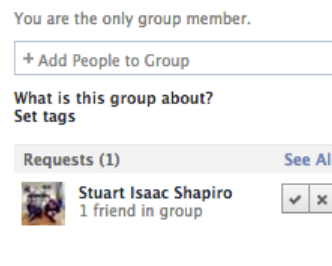3. Create a group web and email address

4. The Settings page will now have a link to the Facebook Page URL – copy this URL
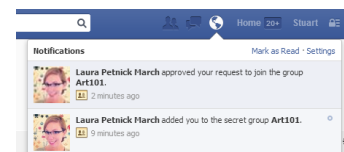

5. In another browser window or tab, go into course email system (e.g. BlackBoard)

6. Create class email, paste Facebook group URL into message, and direct students to "Join Group"

7. When students request to join the page, add them to the group

8. Students will receive a Facebook notice when their request is approved

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