



Course Roles in Blackboard

Course Roles control access to the content and tools within a Course. Each user is assigned a role for each Course in which they participate. For example, a User with a role of Teaching Assistant in one Course can have a role of Student in another Course.

Course Roles include:

- Course Builder
- Instructor
- Grader
- Student
- Guest
- Teaching Assistant

Course Builder

The Course Builder role has access to most areas of the Control Panel. This role is appropriate for a user to manage the Course without having access to Student grades. Course Builders have access to the areas of the Control Panel listed below:

- Course Tools
- Course Links
- Users and Groups
- Customization
- Packages and Utilities
- Help

Grader

A Grader assists the Instructor in the creation, management, delivery, and grading of Assessments. A Grader also assists the Instructor with managing the Grade Center. Note: a Grader cannot access a Course if it is unavailable to Students. Graders have access to the areas of the Control Panel listed below:

- Course Tools
- Course Links
- Evaluation
- Help

Guest

Guests have no access to the Control Panel. Areas within the Course can be made available to Guests. Visitors such as prospective Students, alumni or parents may be given the role of Guest.

Instructor

Instructors have access to all areas in the Control Panel. This role is generally given to those developing, teaching or facilitating the class. Instructors may access a Course that is unavailable to Students.

Student

Student is the default Course Role. Students have no access to the Control Panel.

Teaching Assistant

The Teaching Assistant role is that of a co-teacher. Teaching Assistants are able to administer all areas of a course. Their only limitations are those imposed by the Instructor or System Administrator. Teaching Assistants have access to most all tools and features in the Control Panel. If the Course is unavailable to Students, Teaching Assistants still have access to the Course.