



Roles and Permissions

Blackboard defines six different roles to which a user may be assigned in a course. Not all institutions permit all the roles. Some of the roles have privileges and permissions that have changed slightly with the April 2014 Service Pack release. Here are some examples of what each role is permitted.

Guest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• may view content, but may not upload documents or other content to the course• may participate in Discussion Board forums and other communications, but may not create their own threads, blog entries, etc.
Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• includes all Guest permissions• may upload documents for assignment attempts, participate in Discussion Board forums, create blog entries, etc.
Grader	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• includes all Student permissions• may be delegated to grade assessments, and thus has limited access to Grade Center and other Control Panel links• may not enter any course unavailable to students.
Teaching Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• includes all Grader permissions• may use additional Control Panel links to administer certain course functions such as Manage Users to change students' availability• may enter courses currently unavailable to students
Course Builder	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• does not have access to Grade Center• may add content areas and deploy content to them• may enter courses currently unavailable to students
Instructor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• includes all permissions of Teaching Assistants and Course Builders• via Manage Users, may change users' roles to Student or Teaching Assistant, but may not appoint any user as an Instructor; may also add users as Course Builders