

What privileges/restrictions do Blackboard course roles have?

Each user can have only one role per course. These roles are course-specific, so a single user could be assigned the Instructor role in one course, but be assigned the Student role in another course.

Role	Description	Access Unavailable Course	Access Gradebook	Edit Content	Add/Remove Users
Instructor	Instructors have full access to all course tools in both Original and Ultra courses. In an Original course, this means the Control Panel is visible.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*
Course Builder	The Course Builder role has access to most areas of the course or organization Control Panel in the Original Course View. This role is appropriate for an assistant who should not have access to student grades.	Yes	No	Yes	Yes*
Facilitator	The Facilitator functions as an Instructor, but cannot create, edit, or manage course content. By comparison, the Course Builder can create, edit, and manage content, but interact with any grading task or view the gradebook.	Yes	Yes	No	No
Teaching Assistant	Users with the Teaching Assistant role have access to most of the workflows in the Control Panel in the Original Course View. If the course is unavailable to students, teaching assistants may still access the course.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*
Grader	Graders can assist an instructor in the creation, management, delivery, and grading of assessments and surveys. A grader may also assist an instructor with adding manual entries.	Yes	Yes	No	No
Student	Student is the default course user role.	No	No	No	No
Faculty	Faculty role has view only rights.	Yes	No	No	No
Student Helper	The Student Helper role has access to add/delete content. No grade or assessment data is visible. Course Management is also restricted	Yes	No	Yes	No

Guest	<p>The Guest role allows students to audit a course without participating. Instructors must make content areas within a course accessible to Guests or enroll a user and assign the Guest role.</p> <p><i>Note: Only Original courses can be accessed using the Guest role at this time.</i></p>	No	No	No	No
Program Manager (System Role)	<p>The Program Manager role gives faculty or program coordinators access to multiple courses with instructor privileges without specifically being identified as an instructor, which ensures they do not receive certain notifications and emails from the system.</p>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
User Manager (System Role)	<p>The User Manager role can manually enroll active Blackboard users into program specific course(s). If a course is unavailable, users with this role will still have access.</p>	No	No	No	Yes

* **Exception: Cannot remove other instructors.**