How do I add a teaching assistant, second instructor, or guest to my Blackboard course?

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1. Make sure Edit Mode is ON.
2. Click on the Users and Groups area of the Control Panel.
3. Click on Users.
4. Click Find Users to Enroll.
5. On the Add Enrollments page, enter the teaching assistant’s or instructor’s username (do NOT include @umbc.edu of their email address).
6. Select the appropriate role from the dropdown (Student, Interpreter, Teaching Assistant, Course Builder, Instructor, or Guest). Please note:
   - Guest Access will allow users to **view content only**. No access is provided to any tools that leave data footprints such as assessments or discussions. Guest Access must also be configured within the course. See [How do I allow guest access to my Blackboard course?](#).
   - TAs will have access to Needs Grading and the grade center while graders can access Needs Grading, but not the grade center.
   - Course Builders have access to everything that an Instructor can do except the Grade Center.
   - Users who are added to a course with the Instructor role by another Instructor can only be removed by a Blackboard system administrator.

**ACCESSIBILITY SUPPORT ROLES**

There are two custom course roles in Blackboard that are available to support accessibility:

The **Accessibility Support** course role has the same privileges as a Student, which allow staff from Student Disabilities Services to review course content for accessibility.

An **Interpreter** also has the same privileges as a Student. This special role is designed to support students with hearing impairments as identified by Student Disabilities Services.

Please consult the Student Disabilities Services office for more information about using these roles.

7. In general, leave enrollment availability set to YES.

**WARNING**

If you no longer want someone to have access to your course, you can change this to NO or remove the person altogether. However, removing the person will delete all user data including assessments, discussions, grades, etc., and **this data cannot be recovered**. Users can also be disabled, which preserves user data and removes users from a course, but you will need to request support from a Blackboard system admin.

8. Click on **Submit**.

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