Faculty Guide – Explanation of Canvas Roles Permissions

Explanation of role permissions:

- **Teacher/Instructor**: identical course permissions as "Primary Instructor"
- **TA**: cannot "Publish" the course or add/remove faculty, otherwise identical course permissions as "Primary Instructor"
- **Librarian**: cannot "Publish" the course or add/remove faculty, otherwise identical course permissions as "Primary Instructor"
- **Designer**: this role allows individuals to design and develop a course, but not interact with students. Specifically, this role cannot:
  - "Publish" the course
  - Add/remove faculty
  - View/edit student grades
  - View/comment on assignment submissions
  - Delete student discussion posts
  - Send messages to individual students
  - View course and student analytics/statistics
- **Tutor**: this is a more limited role used by the Learning Assistance Programs. Tutors can only:
  - See the course roster
  - Send messages to individual course members
  - View discussions (but they cannot post to discussions)
  - View student group pages inside a course

Additional role permissions:

- **Group Administrator and Group Participant**: this role applies to non-course groups in Canvas that are not bound to official SU course enrollments and exist outside of quarter or semester schedules.
- **Student Grader**: this is non-student role. It is akin to the TA role, but with fewer permissions. This role cannot "Publish" the course, add/remove faculty, manage student groups, discussions, or manage course content and activities. This role can post to discussions, send messages, add/edit rubrics and leave scores/feedback for students.

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