Roles

Each class of actors in the portfolio system is assigned to a role. Roles are important in establishing permissions for the system as a whole and within each common interest group. Although additional roles may be customized, the default roles in the current functionality are:

- Access – for student users.
- Reviewer – for faculty members, graduate assistants, and mentors. This role allows users to assume responsibilities beyond the access role but not at the level of the maintain role.
- Maintain – reserved for system administrators and common interest group coordinators. This role gives users full permissions throughout the site. Assignment of this role should be carefully considered, given that users with the maintain role can delete the site.

Things to remember

Maintain and access roles are granted to users automatically when an official course site is created.

Roles are given default permissions. You can add additional permissions, but you cannot remove any default permissions. Roles may be reassigned by anyone with a maintainer role. Any one user can have an overall role for the system and a specific role for a specific CIG. For example:

- Access - The access role roughly equates to that of a student. This role allows users to use their Repository to enter populate Forms, Matrices, and Presentations and to use collaborative tools to obtain information and interact with peers in their common interest groups. CIG participants with this role can read content on the site posted by instructors or reviewers, but are not able to create or upload new material into tools such as Announcements or a CIG folder in the Repository.

- Reviewer - The reviewer role gives site participants the ability to read content on a site in various tools, to review or evaluate material posted by site participants in the Matrix tool, and to respond to portfolios shared with them.

- Maintain - The maintain role is automatically given to a site creator. Site participants who have been given the maintain role have full permissions throughout the site and can therefore add, revise and delete material from any tool in the site as well as manage membership on the site.