Understanding Composite Roles

The term Composite Role describes a logical collection of roles which have been grouped together for ease of selection and understanding. A Composite Role often represents the group of roles needed to perform a job comprised of many functions, or a group of roles that are most often assigned to the same job function. A single Composite Role may include roles from multiple Subject Areas. Composite Roles mostly apply to Internal/Central Administrative roles. When a Composite Role is available, it may be requested in lieu of requesting each of the related roles individually.

In the Access Provisioning Tool (APT), each role selection has been preceded with either “Composite” or “Role”, to help requestors differentiate between a Composite of multiple roles, or an individual Role. In the example below, Campus Users: Academic Advising has three Composite Roles.

For instance, some composites may have roles from Student Records, as well as, roles from Financial Aid or Student Financials. In these cases approval requirements for the composite role assignment may require multiple Authorizing Agents to review and approve the request for access.