

Karate Ranks

Students are divided into two basic groups: KYU and DAN

Kyu: colored belt ranks Dan: black belt ranks

The rank of Shodan (literally translated: "First Step") is regarded as the true beginning of a student's training.

Kyukyu	White belt (youth)
Hachikyu	White belt (adult) / orange belt (youth)
Nanakyu	Yellow belt
Rokkyu	Blue belt
Gokyu	Green belt
Yonkyu	Purple belt
Sankyu	Brown belt 1st level
Nikyu	Brown belt 2nd level
Ikkyu	Brown belt 3rd level

Shodan-ho	Junior black belt grade
Shodan	Black belt – 1st degree
Nidan	Black belt – 2nd degree
Sandan	Black belt – 3rd degree
Yondan	Black belt – 4th degree
Godan	Black belt – 5th degree
Rokudan	Black belt – 6th degree
Nanadan	Black belt – 7th degree
Hachidan	Black belt – 8th degree
Kudan	Black belt – 9th degree
Judan	Black belt – 10th degree



The title of SEMPAI (senior student) is given to students at the rank of SHODAN

The title of SENSEI (teacher) is given to instructors at the rank of SANDAN

Shogo Grades

The Samurai grade of RENSHI is held by FOURTH through SIXTH degree dans

The Samurai grade of KYOSHI is held by SEVENTH and EIGHTH degree dans

The Samurai grade of HANSHI is held by NINTH and TENTH degree dans

Kobudo Ranks

Jukyu	White belt
Kyukyu	Orange belt
Hachikyu	Yellow belt
Nanakyu	Blue belt
Rokkyu	Green belt 1st level
Gokyu	Green belt 2nd level
Yonkyu	Purple belt
Sankyu	Brown belt 1st level
Nikyu	Brown belt 2nd level
Ikkyu	Brown belt 3rd level
Shodan	Black belt – 1st degree
Nidan	Black belt – 2nd degree
Sandan	Black belt – 3rd degree
Yondan	Black belt – 4th degree
Godan	Black belt – 5th degree
Rokudan	Black belt – 6th degree
Nanadan	Black belt – 7th degree
Hachidan	Black belt – 8th degree
Kudan	Black belt – 9th degree
Judan	Black belt – 10th degree



Ju Jitsu Ranks

Nanakyu	White belt
Rokkyu	Orange belt
Gokyu	Yellow belt 1st level
Yonkyu	Green belt 2nd level
Sankyu	Brown belt 1st level
Nikyu	Brown belt 2nd level
Ikkyu	Brown belt 3rd level
Sho-Okuiiri	Black belt – 1st degree
Ni-Okuiiri	Black belt – 2nd degree
San-Mokuroku	Black belt – 3rd degree
Yon-Mokuroku	Black belt – 4th degree
Go-Menkyo	Black belt – 5th degree
Roku-Menkyo	Black belt – 6th degree
Nana-Menkyo	Black belt – 7th degree
Hachi-Kaidan	Black belt – 8th degree
Ku-Kaidan	Black belt – 9th degree
Judan	Black belt – 10th degree



Black belt grades in ju jitsu are divided into four classical levels: Okuiiri, Mokuroku, Menkyo, and Kaidan. The title of Shihan is given to those at the Kaidan level. The 10th dan head of the system is referred to as Shinan.

"There is no end to training. Once you begin to feel that you are masters, you are no longer on the way you are to follow."

-Haga-kure Bushido