



# Shuyokan Ryu

Aikijutsu

Black Belt Testing

Requirements & Techniques

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Developing Skills & Character



## Goals

It is the goal of Shuyokan Ryu not only to develop the martial arts skills of the student, but also to develop the character of the student.

To this end, each level of black belt has a theme associated that underlies the training for the dan (Black Belt) ranks. Themes such as commitment, creativity and service all act together to develop the character of the student.

The following chart indicates the training commitment required by the student to achieve the dan ranks in the Shuyokan Ryu System. Time in grade and training hours must be documented.

	<u>Testing For</u>	<u>Time in Grade</u>	<u>Regular Class Hrs</u>	<u>Black Belt Class Hrs</u>
1	Shodan	1 Year as 1 <sup>st</sup> Kyu	90 Hours	15 Hours
2	Nidan	1 Year as Shodan	90 Hours	15 Hours
3	Sandan	2 Years as Nidan	180 Hours	30 Hours
4	Yondan	3 Years as Sandan	270 Hours	45 Hours
5	Godan	4 Years as Yondan	360 Hours	60 Hours
6	Rokudan	5 Years as Godan	450 Hours	75 Hours
7	Shichidan	6 Years as Rokudan	540 Hours	90 Hours
8	Hachidan	7 Years as Shichidan	630 Hours	105 Hours

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## **Shogo (Senior) Level Ranks**

**Godan / Rokudan / Shichidan / Hachidan**

### **Promotion Requirements**

INTRODUCTION – It is the desire of Shuyokan Ryu that the Shogo Level candidates take an active leadership role within the Ryu and community. It is important to the Shuyokan Dojocho that all Shogo candidates remain on the path of knowledge, personal development and a giving and serving spirit. To this end, all Shogo Level promotions will be awarded at the sole discretion of the Shuyokan Dojocho based on time in grade, continued training, leadership, personal development and contribution to the martial arts and community.

In addition to promotion to the Shogo level rank, an honorific title will also be awarded. While the informal title of "sensei" will always apply in all cases, the awarded title shall be used in all formal matters and settings. The formal honorific titles are as follows:

# Promotion Requirements (continued)

Dan Level	Rank	Informal Title	Formal Title	Role / Duty
<b>Shogo or Senior Level</b>				
5	Godan	Sensei	Renshi	A Teacher of the Art's Techniques A Teacher of Students
6	Rokudan	Sensei	Kyoshi	A Teacher of the Art's Philosophy Teaches Renshi to Become Teacher of the Art's Philosophy
7	Shichidan	Sensei	Hanshi	A Senior Teacher of the Art Teaches Kyoshi to Become Teacher of the Art
8	Hachidan	Sensei	Shihan	Master Teacher Highest Achievable Level Within Shuyokan
9	Kudan	Sensei	Nidai Soke	Assumes Leadership as the Headmaster of Shuyokan Ryu with the rank of Kudan
10	Judan	Sensei	Soke	Rank and Title Reserved for the Founder of Shuyokan Ryu - David A. Dye - Soke

**REQUIREMENTS** - In addition to the required training schedule, the candidate shall undertake a yearly project. To assist the candidate in selecting qualifying projects, guideline projects are indicated below. Projects shall be discussed with the candidate's Dojocho and the Shuyokan Dojocho prior to initiation.

**A WORD ABOUT TITLES** – Many Ryu within the Martial Arts Community use similar titles to those adopted by Shuyokan. These titles may be bestowed at different rank levels in different Ryu. The titles and ranks adopted by Shuyokan are not intended to conflict nor supersede titles and ranks used by other organizations or Shuyokai. Any titles and/or certificates associated with/or issued by Shuyokan prior to the implementation of Shuyokan Shogo Level Ranks shall be recognized and honored.

# Project Guidelines

The projects indicated below are offered for guidance only. Specific projects shall be discussed with the Shuyokai Dojocho and approved by the Shuyokan Dojocho. For each year during the time in grade period, a minimum of one project shall be completed.

1. Plan, coordinate and execute a special seminar for the dojo focusing on Shuyokan Ryu techniques. Shuyokan Hombu Dojo Documentation: Seminar outline and class DVD.
2. Plan, coordinate and execute a community improvement project:
  - a. Fund raiser for charity
  - b. Senior citizen project
  - c. Underprivileged children project
  - d. Community cleanupShuyokan Hombu Dojo Documentation: Written summary of project and scrapbook of project activities.
3. Plan, coordinate and execute a martial arts seminar with the intent of enrolling new students. Shuyokan Hombu Dojo Documentation: Seminar outline and class DVD.
4. Outside training at another dojo with the intent of bringing lessons learned back to the home dojo. Shuyokan Hombu Dojo Documentation: Seminar outline and class DVD.
5. Study or attend a class in the martial healing arts. Plan, coordinate and execute a "lessons learned" seminar at home dojo. Shuyokan Hombu Dojo Documentation: Martial Arts Healing Manual and Seminar DVD.
6. Prepare an essay (2000 word minimum) on Shuyokan martial arts techniques, tactics or philosophy. Shuyokan Hombu Dojo Documentation: Submit essay.
7. Establish a branch dojo of your home dojo. This project may take the place of three yearly projects. Shuyokan Hombu Dojo Documentation: Branch dojo scrapbook of pictures, and enrollment statistics.
8. Prepare an essay (2000 word minimum) on Leadership and leadership within the martial arts community. Shuyokan Hombu Dojo Documentation: Submit essay.
9. Plan, coordinate and execute a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) seminar at home dojo. Shuyokan Hombu Dojo Documentation: Scrapbook of seminar pictures or DVD.
10. Become a community services volunteer (50 hours minimum per year). Suggestions include Hospital, Senior's Center, Children's Center or schools. Shuyokan Hombu Documentation: Written documentation from supervisor and scrapbook of pictures.