

KYU BELT GRADING PREREQUISITES

RANK ATTEMPTED	REQUIRED KATA	MINIMUM TRAINING TIME
YELLOW (Go-kyu)	PINAN SHODAN	50 hours minimum training time (4 – 10 months) without a break
ORANGE (Yon-kyu)	PINAN NIDAN Improvement of previous kata	50 hours minimum training time (4 – 10 months) without a break
GREEN (San-kyu)	PINAN SANDAN Improvement of previous kata	50 hours minimum training time (4 – 10 months) without a break
BLUE (Ni-kyu)	PINAN YODAN Improvement of previous kata	50 hours minimum training time (4 – 10 months) without a break
BROWN (Ik-kyu)	PINAN GODAN Improvement of previous kata	75 hours minimum training time (12 – 18 months) without a break
RED (age 15) (Shodan-ho)	KUSHANKU Improvement of previous kata	150 hours minimum training time (minimum 18 months) without a break
Black (Shodan)	KUSHANKU Improvement of previous kata	150 hours minimum training time (minimum 18 months) without a break

NOTE: Time in hours applies only after the minimum month limit is reached (for irregular training). Regular training for the Kyu Belt ranks is considered to be one to two times per week without any significant breaks. Any student's advancement is at the discretion of his/her dojo sensei.

YUDANSHA GRADING PREREQUISITES

RANK ATTEMPTED	REQUIREMENTS: * REFER TO YUDANSHA GRADING MANUAL FOR MORE INFO.	MIN. TIME*AT CURRENT RANK	MIN. AGE
SHODAN	5 Pinans, Kushanku	18 months	16
NIDAN	Seishan, Naihanchin Improvement of previous kata	2 years	20
SANDAN	Chinto Improvement of previous kata	3 years	25
YODAN	Wanshu Improvement of previous kata	4 years	30
GODAN	Gensho Shodan, Seisho Improvement of previous kata	5 years	35
ROKUDAN	Awarded by Senate based on requirements - Grading Manual	6 years	41
SHICHIDAN	Awarded by Senate based on requirements - Grading Manual	7 years	48
HACHIDAN	Awarded by Senate based on requirements - Grading Manual	8 years	56

*Minimum time means at grading date; participant must be outstanding and above average in calibre.