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Gendaijutsu

Gendaijutsu is a self defense combat system created by the Shinken Initiative that focuses on ease of use and practicality.

About Gendaijutsu

Gendaijutsu is based primarily on Sora-Mai, however the majority of the teachings have been cut down and streamlined to only relevant combat techniques. Because of this trimming, things like mental conditioning and social teachings have been removed, so in order to minimize the risk of teaching those with bad intentions dangerous combat techniques, Gendaijutsu has been broken up into several different courses, the more lethal courses requiring more qualifications.

In practice Gendaijutsu and Gendai-Sensō both use simple stances that would be more likely to be seen in something like boxing as opposed to traditional martial arts. Techniques are generally simple and swift, not relying on physical strength, but accurately hitting key areas. Feints and complicated techniques are generally only used in Gendaijutsu Sport, and Gendai-Sensō Security, where 'duels' are more common.

History

Gendaijutsu was infomrally created in YE 35 when the precursor to the Shinken Initiative was authorized to train a group of fresh born Nekovalkyrja to use a streamlined and practical martial arts for warfare. The methodology showed almost immediate results and has constantly been refined and modified to perfect the system.

Courses

The Shinken Initiative offers different courses for their students, based on how it's intended for the techniques to be used. All of the courses and techniques were developed with the aid of the Ketsurui Samurai.

Civilian Courses

Basic Gendaijutsu courses are designed for civilian use and were created as a place to further refine the teaching method used in more advanced classes. Those who practice civilian classes are called Sentō-in.

Self Defense

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This is a week long course designed to teach self defense techniques using knives and short swords. Offensive techniques are not strongly emphasized in this class and rather defense is strongly focused on. By the end students are capable of defending themselves from typical thugs both armed and unarmed. It is advertised as a perfect class to take before a vacation to Nepleslian territory.

Key Features

By the end of the self defense course students are able to:

- Properly handle and wield a short sword or knife
- Perform basic unarmed martial arts techniques
- Defend themselves against unarmed assailants
- Disarm and defend against assailants armed with civilian weapons
- Apprehend and secure an aggressive individual

Sport

The Sport lessons, also called hobby lessons have no set time frame for completion. The course is taken with the purpose of extended study of marital arts techniques and refining them. However rather than use in war, the techniques taught in these lessons are designed for use in competitive dueling.

Key Features

The sports course ends at the student's choosing but focuses on teaching:

- Refined 'competitive' style martial arts revolving around:
 - Swords
 - Spears
 - Bow and arrow
 - Unarmed combat
- Physical fitness
- Meditation and other forms of concentration
- The history of traditional weapons in Yamatai

Gendai-Sensō

Gendai-Sensō courses are the true purpose of Gendaijutsu. These courses are designed for use in real combat situations and not for 'fun'. The techniques learned can be dangerous, and likely lethal. Because of this, would be students must fulfill certain requirements before enrolling. Students who pass the courses are called Senshi.

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Security

The Security course is a two month course that focuses on protection of individuals and of locations. Once again the focus is primarily defensive. However they do stress threat removal, be that through apprehension or through elimination. These classes also have basic power armor control lessons incorporated into them in case of power armor attack. *Restrictions: In order to take the Gendai-Sensō security courses, students must undergo and pass a background check.*

Key Features

By the end of the Security Course students are expected to be able to:

- Operate a power armor at a basic level
- Execute basic squad tactics
- Fight while protecting a VIP that is in or out of power armor
- Apprehend hostile targets
- Perform basic survival techniques for confronting a power armor while not in a power armor

Military

The military course takes three months to complete and incorporates the bulk of the security courses. However, these courses are designed for true warfare and give techniques suitable for going on the offensive as well. Along with power armor combat lessons the courses also instruct students in vehicle and small space craft use so that they can infiltrate a location quickly and force the fight into close quarters. Restrictions: Gendai-Sensō military courses are considered an optional training course for the Star Army of Yamatai and can be taken at any point in one's career as long as they have a year or more of service left in their current enlistment.

Key Features

By the end of the Military Course students are expected to be able to:

- Fulfill all expectations of the Gendai-Sensō Security course
- Operate vehicles at a basic level
- Formulate strategies against power armor and other military grade hardware
- Efficiently handle a military engagement
- Use traditional Yamatai weapons(and variants) in and out of power armor

Instructors

Originally both Gendaijutsu and Gendai-Sensō were taught by those who had left the life of a Ketsurui Samurai, some in retirement some not quite meeting the qualifications. However as time went on and

more talented practitioners arose, all Senshi can take a certification test to become an instructor.

After Course Completion

Though Gendaijutsu courses are designed to be short and self contained without the need for years of study, that does not mean that a practitioner has learned all there is to learn in one course. Gendaijutsu is constantly updating as new research is performed, and there is always the desire to improve one's proficiency.

Ranking

Gendaijutsu and Gendai-Sensō both, despite the short nature of the initial class have their own ranking systems to easily explain the proficiency of the practitioner.

Classes can be taken even after course completion to prepare oneself for a skill test so that a practitioner can move up in rank.

Sentō-in ranks

Sentō-in ranks are used for ranking Gendaijutsu practicioners in grades from 1 to 10, with 1 being the grade given to those completing the Self Defense course with a passable grade. 3 Is the highest grade one can reach with purely self defense however. At grade 7 a Sentō-in qualifies to take instructor certifications to teach Gendaijutsu.

Ranks are divided among individual disciplines as well, someone can be grade 3 with bare heads, but grade 5 with a katana.

Senshi ranks

Senshi ranks, which are used for Gendai-Sensō practitioners, are done a bit differently from their Sentō-in counter parts. The ranks are broken up into 3 major categories; Kicho, Hozon, and Juyo, all accompanied by a grade from 1st to 5th, with 5th being the lowest grade. While the grade depicts the level of proficiency, the 3 categories explain 'resourcefulness of the practitioner.

- Kicho: The practitioner has an understanding of combat techniques and can apply them, given a situation in which they apply
- Hozon: The practitioner can apply techniques in mixed combat scenarios and can unassisted develop situations where Gendai-Sensō can be useful
- Juyo: The practitioner can have enough understanding of Gendai-Sensō to work form a logistics stand point and command troops in a way to maximize Gendai-Sensō's effectiveness.

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