

Shorin Ryu Shorinkan Rank Requirements at Okinawa Budo Institute*					
Kata Knowledge		Belt			Techniques Knowledge (always speed, power & respect)
1	Naihanchi Ichidan	Yellow	Orange	Green	Gold Belt: yellow highlighted kata <i>plus</i> Kihon Kata, Fuji No Kata & Chi No Kata; history, terminology
2	Naihanchi Nidan	Yellow	Orange	Green	
3	Naihanchi Sandan	Yellow	Orange	Green	
4	Pinan Shodan		Orange	Green	Orange Belt: all Gold Belt requirements <i>plus</i> orange highlighted Pinan kata; punch-block sequences; front-, side- & back-kicks. 5 block/counters, 5 block/2 counters, 5 grab-block/counters
5	Pinan Nidan		Orange	Green	
6	Pinan Sandan			Green	Green Belt: all Orange and Gold Belt requirements <i>plus</i> green highlighted Pinan & Passai Sho kata; 5 blocks with one, two, three counters each; sparring stance with jump side kick & step-in jump side kick (both with hand fake); low/high punch with jump side kick, 2 blocks with sweep-throw counters
7	Pinan Yondan			Green	
8	Pinan Godan			Green	
9	Passai Sho			Green	
10	Passai Dai			Green	Green Belt with Brown Stripes: all Green, Orange, and Gold Belt requirements <i>plus</i> , Passai Dai & Kusanku Sho kata; 5 blocks with sweep/throw counters
11	Kusanku Sho			Green	
12	Chinto				Brown Belt: all before requirements <i>plus</i> Chinto & Kusanku Dai;
13	Kusanku Dai				
14	Gojushiho				Shodan Black Belt: all color belt requirements <i>plus</i> Gojushiho (Gorin is for higher Yudansha)
15	Gorin				

* These are the specific rank requirements at *Okinawan Budo Institute*, where all traditional 14 kata (the curriculum initially consisted of the first 14 kata listed in the table. *Nagazato Shugoro Sensei* developed the 15th one, *Gorin Shugoro No Kata*, for the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games) have to be performed sufficiently before being considered for Black Belt testing. In many other *Shorin Ryu Shorinkan* dojo, a Black Belt is assigned to a student when sufficiently performing at the Passai Dai level, i.e. when sufficiently performing 10 out of the 14 traditional kata.