

## THE CYCLE OF GROWTH CONTINUES

RANK	KOREAN	FORM	CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BELT
N/A	IL DAN BO	ALL TAEGUEK	Black Belt Candidate/Provisional Black Belt
1 <sup>ST</sup> DAN	Cho or Il Dan	KORYO	three-four years of study and is awarded to those students demonstrating a basic proficiency in the art. A <i>Cho Dan</i> is a senior student ( <i>Sun Ba Nim</i> ) and may be designated as an assistant instructor under a full instructor.
2 <sup>ND</sup> DAN	Yi or Ee Dan	KEUMGANG	requires one year of continued training after receiving the <i>Cho Dan</i> . May be designated as an instructor ( <i>Kyo Sa Nim</i> ) under a full instructor.
3 <sup>RD</sup> DAN	Sam Dan	TAEBAEK	requires two more years of continued study after <i>Yi Dan</i> . A <i>Sam Dan</i> is a full instructor able to promote a student to <i>Cho Dan</i> .
4 <sup>TH</sup> DAN	Sa Dan	PYONGWON	requires three years of continued training after <i>Sam Dan</i> . Some organizations recognize this rank as a Master ( <i>Sa Bum Nim</i> ) or Junior Master.
5 <sup>TH</sup> DAN	Oh Dan	SIPJIN	requires four additional years of study after <i>Sa Dan</i> . <i>Oh Dan</i> is considered a Master as s/he can promote a student to <i>Sam Dan</i> .
6 <sup>TH</sup> DAN	Yook Dan	JITAE	five more years of training after <i>Oh Dan</i> . Senior Master Instructor.
7 <sup>TH</sup> DAN	Chil Dan	CHEONKWON	six years of continued service to the art after <i>Yook Dan</i> . Some organizations recognize this rank as Grandmaster or Junior Grandmaster.
8 <sup>TH</sup> DAN	Pal Dan	HANSOO	eight years of continued study after <i>Ch'il Dan</i> . A <i>P'al Dan</i> is addressed as Grandmaster.
9 <sup>TH</sup> DAN	Goo Dan	ILYO	nine years of training after <i>P'al Dan</i> . Senior Grandmaster.
10 <sup>TH</sup> DAN	Sip Dan	N/A	historically, the <i>Sip Dan</i> was reserved for the founder or inheritor of the martial art style or organization, it has also been bestowed as an honorary degree.