

IJF ACADEMY



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- The IJF introduced the IJF Academy in August 2013.
- Delivered in a blended format (theory online and practical final examinations offered in 5 continents).
- On 27th August 2018 it was registered as a higher education institute by the National Commission for Higher and Further Education in Malta, affiliated with the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA).
- As of 2020, the IJF Academy Foundation began running independently.

Programmes/Courses

- IJF Nage-waza and Katame-waza.
- Judo for Police.
- Judo for Security.
- Undergraduate Certificate Judo Instructor (UCJI) (Arabic, Azerbaijani, Chinese, English, French, Georgian, Hungarian, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Slovakian, Spanish, Turkish).
- Undergraduate Diploma in Judo Coach (UDJC).
- Undergraduate Diploma in Judo Management (UDJM).
- Top-up – Bachelor's Degree in Judo Coach (submission for accreditation – postponed to 2025).

Collaboration with IJF Commissions

- Children, military and police, refereeing, Judo for Peace, sport and gender equity commissions.

Projects

- The Arts and Sciences of Judo – scientific journal.
- Video files of 100 judo techniques produced by the IJF Academy in collaboration with the Kodokan Institute are available online.
- Kata for All.
- Self Defence for Women.
- Judo Club Commercialisation.
- Continued collaboration with the IJF GS on the grading syllabus.

Statistics

IJF Academy Students' statistics as of December 2024

Item	Total by December 2022	Total by December 2024	Waiting for graduation
National federations	130	146	NA
Registered students	5,864	6,053	NA
IJF Nage-waza and Katame-waza	118	125	0
UDJM graduated	99	108	16
UCJI graduated	289	1,123	675

NA = Not Applicable

At the end of January 2025, the IJF Academy will organise the 125th practical session, in Kuwait.

We attended World Judo Tour events and the Abu Dhabi World Championships in to promote the Academy, hold meetings with federations, answer questions, and plan our visits for the practical examinations.

The Academy is grateful for the support of our president, Mr Marius Vizer, who supports our federations constantly. We also thank Olympic Solidarity, which has continued its exceptional support of the National Olympic Committees and their national federations when organising regional practical exams.



Historic practical session in China, September 2024



IJF Academy Practical Sessions 2023

Dominican Republic - January

Azerbaijan - February

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Kyrgyzstan - March

Brazil - April

Croatia - July

United Kingdom - September

France - September

Japan - September

Italy - October

Saudi Arabia - November

Türkiye - November

Germany - December

IJF Academy Practical Sessions 2024

Dominican Republic - January

Cuba - January

Azerbaijan - February

Hungary - March

Portugal - April

Cyprus - June

Azerbaijan - August

United Kingdom - September

People's Republic of China - September

Japan - September

Italy - October

Hungary - October

Photos from the IJF Academy Practical Sessions 2023 and 2024 are available on the [IJF website](#).