

CINCO ESTILOS URBAN ARNIS FEES AND CLASS POLICIES (as of JANUARY 2025)
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Group Classes (Tier 2 Students Only) If you pay for 2 months in advance, you'll receive a FREE 1-hr. Private lesson for each month you pay for.	PRIVATE LESSONS! Private Lessons are 60 minutes minimum @ predetermined location. "PRIVATE LESSON-only" students pay for at least 2 hours of private lessons per month.
\$ 120.00 per month	\$70 / 1 hr. Lesson. Must maintain a schedule of at least 2 private lessons purchased per month.

Required equipment: Group shirt (purchased when you sign up), : SAFETY GLASSES (for knife work);
Recommended equipment: GLOVES

GROUP CLASS & GENERAL TRAINING GUIDELINES

- The Cinco Estilos Urban Arnis Training Group is a part time endeavor—we are not a brick and mortar school. The guidelines listed here should be read with that in mind. This endeavor functions differently than a commercial enterprise.
- It is conceivable that there could be a lack of students to comprise a group class. There must be AT LEAST 3 students enrolled/paying AND attending on a regular basis for a group class to take place.
- Training in Cinco Estilos Urban Arnis is open to teens and adults, ages 15 and up. Students ages 13-14 will be evaluated and accepted or declined training on a case by case basis
- All individuals participating in Cinco Estilos Urban Arnis training must sign a liability waiver; the photo waiver is optional.
- PLEASE cultivate an environment of RESPECT in class and outside class.
 - > When instruction is being given, pay attention and LISTEN, don't talk.
 - > Perform the drill that is being taught—don't modify it or do your own thing without permission from Guro.
 - > ASK questions!! Don't be embarrassed--the inquisitive mind learns.
 - > Respect YOUR FEEDER, cultivate control of your weapon and avoid excessive contact.
 - > Show respect to one another at the start and end of a drill by using the basic salute (primary position of formal salutation with a bow).
 - > We have fun in class and conduct ourselves with some informality, but keep in mind, you are in class to train (for some people it is the only training they'll do until the next class!). You may socialize, but not at the expense of doing a drill/exercise.
- If you are late to group class, and the class is in the middle of an exercise, approach the instructor, and "salute" into class--please wait for the instructor to assign you to a partner.
- PLEASE, DON'T THROW your weapon/ weapon trainers. Weapons training requires RESPECT for your tool--for it may save your life one day.
- PLEASE, no use of "LIVE" blades will be allowed in class - keep your "LIVE" blade in your bag, or on your person - do not deploy for any drill/exercise.
- Although there will typically be equipment for you to borrow, you are expected to purchase your own equipment for class. This gives you the ability to train on your own. Guro Gerry can provide recommendations on where to buy equipment.
- Please bring water to hydrate--drink whenever you need to--stay hydrated.

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- Wear attire suitable for physical activity. Arnis is a TERRAIN art and we train for the URBAN environment. Please do not come to class to train in bare feet/slippers/sandals. Closed toe shoes, preferably athletic footwear is required. We are a progressive group and don't have uniforms, as such. All students should wear our official training "uniform" which is the official group shirt, or hoodie. Wearing the Cinco Estilos Group t-shirt in class uplifts the image and support for our group, and for the system. As merchandise becomes available, you'll be notified.
- Tier 2 students and above - You should bring your sparring gear with you, with the expectation to spar. Even if we don't, it is better to have it than not.
- Unless otherwise indicated, group class will be at the designated day and time, every week. If a GROUP class falls on a holiday, or the student misses GROUP class, there is no makeup warranted. If the INSTRUCTOR cancels class for any reason, a makeup class will be given at the earliest possible opportunity. If the makeup class is missed, that time is lost. We are fortunate, living in L.A., that inclement weather is not an issue--but, it can happen now and again...in which case, class will be rescheduled, and the possibility of an alternate location may be used.
- Communication is key to any positive student-teacher relationship. I have an open door policy. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at any time.

PRIVATE LESSON GUIDELINES

- **NOTE** It is YOUR responsibility to keep track of your private lessons, once they are paid for and scheduled. Please make the effort to text/call Guro Gerry to ensure your private lesson is scheduled.**
- ****Private lesson students are required to purchase at least 2 PRIVATE LESSONS per month, to be considered as current students. This is part of their regular training schedule. If a student has makeup lessons to be completed, those lessons are paid for, and will carry over to the following month, and they will be scheduled as time and availability permit. However, the required 2 PRIVATE LESSONS must be purchased every month, regardless of the student's accumulated makeup lessons. It goes without saying that students should try their best not to miss their lessons.****
- Private lessons will be paid for in ADVANCE. This decreases the likelihood of a no-show--your payment locks in your time slot. If a PRIVATE lesson is missed, WITHOUT prior notice being given, no makeup will be given, there is no refund--that time is lost.
- Please note that private lessons are primarily scheduled during the business week, Monday thru Friday, between 4:30 and 9:30 p.m.
- Private lessons can be once per week, or multiple times during a week's period, dependent upon schedule availability for both parties.
- If you believe, for any reason, that you may not be able to attend your private class, or that you will be late, please contact Guro Gerry at least 2 hours ahead of time (or as early as possible) to notify him of your situation. Individual situations will be handled on a case by case basis. YOUR time and your teacher's time is valuable! So PLEASE, KEEP YOUR COMMITMENTS--If you schedule a private lesson, come to your lesson, or give the proper notice in order that the lesson may be rescheduled.
- *****PLEASE NOTE THAT there are NO REFUNDS on tuition! No exceptions. Classes and payment are upon verbal agreement, no contracts. For private lessons, if you miss your lesson, it will continue to carry-over until it can be completed, BUT YOU MUST COMMUNICATE WITH GURO GERRY AND KEEP HIM APPRISED OF YOUR STATUS. ANY STUDENT THAT PAYS FOR PRIVATE LESSONS, AND SUBSEQUENTLY DISAPPEARS WITHOUT ANY NOTICE/CONTACT, IS SUBJECT TO HAVING YOUR PAID CLASSES CANCELED AND VOIDED, WITH NO REFUND.**

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TUITION AND ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

- Tuition for group and regular scheduled private lessons is due and payable on the 20th of every month. One may pay tuition *at any time during the month, prior to the 20th*. Tuition payments are for the month to come, not the current month. For example, if you pay your tuition on April 15, you will have paid 5 days prior to the 20th due date, for training to take place in the month of MAY. If tuition is not submitted by the 20th of the month, please include a \$10 late fee.
- If you cannot pay tuition by the 20th of the month, your training will be placed on a "hold" status. Part of learning the way of the MANDIRIGMA (warrior), are the very fundamental aspects of INTEGRITY, and RESPONSIBILITY, when it comes to paying for services that are rendered to you. Electronic payment using the Zelle app. is accepted and preferred. If paying CASH, please do so at your scheduled lesson BEFORE the 20th of the month. Please speak to Guro Gerry for issues you may have regarding tuition and it will be handled on a case by case basis.
- *If you pay tuition for a month's group classes, and do not attend, your tuition will be carried over ONLY ONE month (typically the immediate month to follow) as a credit, OR it can be applied to 2 hours of private lessons. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS ON TUITION. *
- For those under the group class training program, if you plan to have 2 or more absences in a month due to previously-made plans, and would still like to attend class, you may pay HALF your regular tuition. Otherwise, full tuition will still be due. If you're concerned with staying current with your training, private classes are offered separately and may be scheduled (in advance).
- Test Fees: Please submit test fees as soon as possible after you've been notified that you have been designated as a candidate for testing to the next training tier. Test fees must be submitted before you can be tested. Testing fee is \$25.
- Typically, twice per calendar year, we will have a break. Once in the summer, and once around the holidays, at the end of the year. Summer break will typically take place somewhere in July/August, and the holiday break will take place during Christmas/New Year. Actual dates will be announced. Regular tuition is still charged for the month. During the calendar year, Guro Gerry will normally have extra training sessions that he will announce at no extra charge. These sessions will more than make up for both 2 week breaks.
- **Travel fee:** There are rare occasions, depending upon availability and circumstances, that Guro Gerry may travel to conduct a private lesson – up to a distance of 15 miles. There will be a \$10 fee assessed PER lesson, for travel expenses. For instance if you have two 1-hour private lessons in a month totaling \$140 in tuition, \$10 will be added to each lesson for travel expense. Your total tuition would then amount to \$160.
- ****NEW**** Distance Video Program: FOR STUDENTS WHOSE COMMUTE TO CLASS (FROM WORK OR HOME), IS OVER A DISTANCE OF 20 MILES: Due to travel challenges associated with scheduling, commuter traffic, etc...this unique program works in this manner:
 - > You will purchase 3 private lessons for \$180;
 - > 1 or 2 of those lessons will be a video lesson tailored for you;
 - > You must commit to practicing the material at home, on your own or with a partner;
 - > The remaining lesson(s) will be an in-person lesson, where we will review the video material in-depth.

SEE GURO GERRY REGARDING THIS PROGRAM.

