

# **Constitution Bujinkan Budo Club**

**Preamble:** We, the members of the Bujinkan Budo Club, in order to develop excellence in martial arts and the essence of Bujinkan taijutsu through training and education, do hereby establish this constitution.

## **Article I: Name**

The name of the organization will be Bujinkan Budo Club, which can be referred to as Ninjutsu Club or the Michigan Bujinkan Club

## **Article II: Affiliation with other groups**

The Bujinkan Budo Club at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor is affiliated with the Bujinkan Dojo headquartered in Japan and headed by Soke (Grand Master) Masaaki Hatsumi. We the members of the club will follow his teachings and guidelines.

## **Article III: Purpose & Mission Section**

Section 1. Purpose: The Bujinkan Budo Club at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor is dedicated to the correct transmission and preservation of the authentic Bujinkan martial arts - skills that rouse

the natural and hidden powers of human beings, for the purpose of protecting peace and justice. Through diligent training, pursuit, and perseverance we strive to develop fudoshin (an immovable heart) and butoku (martial virtue) for the sake of natural harmony and the defense of mankind. Budo is only part of seikatsu shugyo 生活修業 - pursuit of living. The Michigan Bujinkan instructors are fully licensed by Hatsumi Sensei and the Bujinkan Honbu Dojo (Bujinkan headquarters).

Section 2. Mission: The Bujinkan Budo Club at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor allows the students at the opportunity for Michigan students to study the authentic martial arts of Hatsumi Sensei's Bujinkan Dojo.

**Article IV:** Membership Section 1. Active membership shall be limited to persons officially connected with the University of Michigan as faculty, staff, alumni or registered students. The active members are required to pay their semester dues as determined by the Bujinkan Budo Club. The Bujinkan Budo Club is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national

origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, height, weight, or veteran status in its membership or activities unless permitted by university policy for gender specific organizations.

Section 2: Joining the organization: Interested individuals may join the organization by attending a training session, requesting to be added to the listserv, contacting a member, or emailing the group. To be considered active, the individual must regularly train with the club. Upon joining the organization, all members agree not to undermine the purpose or mission of the Bujinkan Budo Club.

Section 3: A member may voluntarily withdraw from the organization by notifying the executive board of their desire to discontinue membership. Financial obligations previously paid to the organization will not be refunded.

### **Article V: Ranks**

Kyu tests (Rank tests) will be conducted once every semester presenting an opportunity to the students of the Bujinkan Club to advance in their ranks. The performance in the tests will be judged

by shodan (Black-belt holders) members of the club.

### **Article VI: Chief Instructor**

The training sessions will be headed by Michael Z. Asuncion, Ph.D. 15<sup>th</sup> Dan (15<sup>th</sup> level Black belt) or by the next highest ranked member in his absence.

### **Article VII: Officers**

The Bujinkan Budo club will be governed by an executive committee governed by two officers under the guidance of the chief instructor:

- a. A president will act as a primary liaison between the club and the university. It will be the responsibility of the president to make necessary training arrangements, keep the club current, manage club finances, maintain rosters, and take the lead of managing advertisement of the club during campus fests. A president will be selected by the chief instructor from the current registered student members of the club with approval of the other members.
  
- b. A vice-president's duties will involve taking

up any of the roles of the president in his absence or inability.

### **Article VIII: Training Sessions**

Training session times and locations will be established prior to the start of each academic term. Any changes in the schedule or the location shall be communicated to the active members. Regarding accidents occurring during training (both inside and outside the training hall), one should not cause trouble to the Bujinkan Budo Club or the Bujinkan Organization. Those unwilling to take personal responsibility for accidents occurring during Bujinkan training shall not be admitted. Reiterating for clarity, the Bujinkan shall not take responsibility for any accidents happening in the course of training, regardless of the location.

**Article IX: Finances** The Bujinkan Budo Club will finance the activities it engages in by the membership dues from its members.

### **Article X: Removal of members/officers**

Section 1. Removal of officers: The chief instructor reserves the right to remove any officer

with approval of other members if he fails to fulfill his responsibilities as mentioned in Article VII.

Section 2. Removal of membership: Any member of Bujinkan Budo Club in violation of Bujinkan Budo Club's purpose, constitution, or who fails to meet the membership requirements as outlined in Article IV, may have their privileges as a member revoked through the following process:

a) A written request by at least three members of the organization must be sent to the executive committee and the chief instructor. b) Written notification to the member in question, asking the member to be present the next training session and prepared to speak.

c) A unanimous decision by the executive committee members, in consultation with the chief instructor, to remove the member from the organization.

### **Article XI: Amendments**

This constitution is binding to all members of Bujinkan Budo Club but it is not binding unto itself. Amendments to the constitution may be proposed in writing by any member of Bujinkan Budo Club at any training sessions. The

amendments will be implemented if agreed upon by other members and recommendations of the Chief Instructor.

**Article XII:** Statement of Compliance The Bujinkan Budo Club has read and agrees to fully comply with the University's policies. We understand that the organization's registration is contingent on acceptance of these policies.