

Michael Pearce, 5th Dan KUGB Karate

Karate 5th Dan KUGB

Instructor - Manchester University Shotokan Karate Club, September 2021+

Assistant Instructor - Shotokan Karate Academy, March 2014+

Assistant Instructor - Hale Karate Club, August 2021+

BACKGROUND

March 2000 - PRESENT

- Started training in Shotokan Karate in 2000 at the age of 8 in South Wales.
- Reached Sandan (3rd Dan Black Belt) with a non-KUGB organisation before transferring to KUGB in October 2013.
- Joined Manchester University Shotokan Karate Club in 2010 while studying for a Computing for Business Applications degree at the University of Manchester.
- Competed in various competitions, including KUGB Student Nationals, KUGB Northern Region Championships, KUGB Nationals, and BUCS.
- Also practised Jiu Jitsu and graded to 3rd Kyu while at university.
- Took the role of University club treasurer in 2012 and later captain in 2013.
- Joined Shotokan Karate Academy, Sensei Harford's main club, and started assisting instruction at the university club.
- Selected for KUGB England Kata Squad in 2016, continuing to compete at regional, national, and Grand Slam competitions.
- Passed Yondan (4th Dan) in KUGB in October 2017 in Bath.
- Became a qualified KUGB Instructor Assessor in July 2018.
- Took the role of chief instructor at Manchester University Karate Club in September 2021.
- Passed Godan (5th Dan) in KUGB in April 2023 in Barnsley.

Competition Awards

SKA Interclub '15 - Kata 3rd

SKA interclub '16 - Kata 2nd

BUCS Team Kumite '11 3rd

BUCS Team Kumite '12 2nd

KUGB Regional Championships '12 - Male JR Kumite 3rd

KUGB Student Championships '12 - Male Team Kumite 3rd

Jitsu Foundation Atemi Nationals '13 - 3rd Kyu, 3rd

Jitsu Foundation Randori Nationals '14 - 3rd Kyu Standing, 2nd

NTU Open '17 - Kata 2nd

Manchester SKC '18 - Kata 2nd, Kumite 3rd

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TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS

KUGB 5th Dan

April 2023

KUGB Qualified Instructor Assessor

July 2018-present

KUGB Qualified Instructor

April 2014-present

KUGB England Kata squad

January 2016-present

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Guest - 2nd Whalley Range Scouts

Webmaster + Developer

WSKA - 2017 - present

KUGB - 2017

UoM Club Captain & Treasurer

September 2012 - September 2013

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Featured discussing the benefits of teaching Martial Arts and how it has equipped me for adapting my management style and getting the most out of the team and students.

PREVIOUS GRADINGS

KUGB - Karate

5th Dan - 16/04/23, 4th Dan -

07/10/17, 3rd Dan - 05/10/13

UKASKO - Karate

3rd Dan - 05/11/11, 2nd Dan -

18/11/07, 1st Dan - 14/06/03, 1st

Kyu - 30/04/02, 2nd Kyu -

30/03/02, 3rd Kyu - 30/07/01, 4th

Kyu - 15/03/01, 5th Kyu - 18/12/00,

6th Kyu - 21/09/00, 7th Kyu -

28/06/00, 8th Kyu - 02/04/00

Jiu Jitsu Foundation 3rd Kyu