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This is a very simple flow-chart of how our Weapons Hierarchy plays out. While very general, it covers everything we offer in terms of training at Urban Ronin.

Basic Unarmed:

This is the first step, and being the foundation, the most important step. It covers all the basic footwork, stances, and techniques required for everything that we do.

Basic Staff:

Being the most “complex simple weapon you will ever pick up,” basic staff is all about learning to use both ends of the weapon with a short-form style, then being able to seamlessly switch to a long-form style to keep distance.

Basic Blades:

Should you chose to pick up the sword, you begin with either a broadsword or a rapier. While the parries and initial attacks are similar, the differences in the blades begin to show with specific techniques and incorporating footwork into the mix.

Polearms:

Very simply put, any stick with a blade at one end is considered a polearm. Spears, halberds, tridents, axes, etc. all fall under this family of weaponry. It essentially combines all the techniques learned in basic blades and basic staff, and then using them in different ways.

Advanced Unarmed:

Where basic unarmed taught you how to punch, advanced unarmed will teach you how to grapple, throw, and perform joint locks.

Advanced Staff:

Sticks come in all different lengths and weights. Smaller staves sacrifice range for several sword related techniques, whereas a long-staff can help you keep your distance. A bamboo staff can give phenomenal speed, though solid oak can stop nearly any blade.

Clubs, Maces, Etc:

Bludgeoning weapons are a special type of weapons. Learning to control them is the main challenge of this weapons group.

Specialized Blades:

Swords over the centuries have developed and adapted to the times, resulting in hundreds of different blades. Sabers, scimitars, khopesh, greatswords, rapiers, and so forth each have many similarities, yet the differences make each one unique.

Daggers:

While the blades can be gorgeous, there’s nothing pretty about dagger fights. They’re brutal, violent, and fast. Move, dodge, or die.

Katana:

The katana is a unique blade unto itself. The samurai revere this blade for a reason. Even though we take the edge off our weapons, the techniques used with a katana can still cause harm if done incorrectly.