

Handles and Guards

American Bladesmith Society, Inc

The goal of this five-day course is to familiarize students with the different types of handle and/or guard assemblies commonly used in the construction of a finished knife and develop the skills necessary to plan, build and assemble a variety of handle and guard assemblies in a professional manner.

Students should be exposed to different types of handle construction during this five-day course. At the conclusion of this course, students should be familiar with these different types of knife handle construction and should be able to explain the steps involved in the construction of each. Students should also have assembled and finished at least one complete knife and have the necessary basic skill set to continue finishing knife handles after completing the course.

What the students Should bring:

Unhandled blades, as per the specifications: at least one full length hidden tang, a full tang and an optional partial hidden tang. None less than 3/16" thick at ricasso.

After the basic, standardized skills have been demonstrated and applied on the first two required blades students are then welcome to bring other blades to apply those skills on later in the week. Any handle or fitting materials that they would rather use for these extra knives are welcome.

Notebook or drawing paper to take notes and design their overall knives. Below are examples of blades to bring for completion during the course:

