

The Fighter Major

There are many combat schools out there, but few as comprehensive as the Fighting program at Sigil Prep. With a thorough examination of all manner of weapons and armor, to a course in battlefield precision, a Fighter who trains here can find employment with any army, militia, or adventuring party anywhere in a hundred worlds.



heavy battleaxe, your trusty crossbow, or something more exotic (do we still train in boomerangs? You know what? For you, we will), you'll find the training you want, and the expertise you need for your Fighting career.

Fighter majors will be required to select a specialized career path, to give you focus toward your post-collegiate career. Whether you want to study battle tactics, physical prowess, or even a minor in magic, choose wisely, because you may actually have to buy a textbook and do some reading if you aren't careful.

Whether you prefer a longsword and shield, a

Fighter Faculty

DEAN OF FIGHTERS

TORDEK TUFFBATTLE (Dwarf; he/him)

A man of gruff words and faux Scottish accent, Dean Tuffbattle is a hard fighting, hard drinking battlemaster with a passion of axe play. You won't find a more enthusiastic combat professor, or a less happy lecturer. When he has a lecture class, everybody's bored, and no one more than Tuffbattle himself.

Tuffbattle loves jokes and drinking songs, and his jovial laugh is infectious, even if you don't think his little jests are particularly funny, and probably you won't.

He is especially broad, even for a dwarf, with a full, red beard and sharp red eyes. He has several scars visible just on his face, and it's clear from the way he carries himself that there's more where those came from.

CORE FACULTY

BELLINA STRONG (Human; she/her)

Professor Strong is enthusiastic about swords to an extent few can match. Not the use of swords in combat, but swords themselves. She will discuss the quality of craftsmanship of every blade presented to her, and discuss the history of famous blades with aplomb. She is a favorite professor of many of her students, very approachable and eager to impart both knowledge and skill.

She is a masterful weaponsmith, and spends much of her free time over the forge, hammering out longswords of excellent quality. Many a talented student has been gifted one of her handcrafted blades, and wield them with pride.

Strong is just over six feet tall, with the musculature one would expect of a blacksmith. There's no magic in that 25 Strength score of

hers; it was all earned through hardship and exercise.

DOROTHY GALE-PASTORIA

(Human; she/her)

Originally from Earth, Professor Gale spent most of her life in another, distant world allegedly connected to Earth by rainbows and tornados. When she reached adulthood, she wed her childhood sweetheart, marrying into the monarchy and becoming the official defender of the realm.

A hostile takeover of her world led to Gale and her wife fleeing, somehow finding themselves in Faerun, and eventually in New Sigil. While she often shows signs of her sweeter, more optimistic younger self, she tends to be stoic and morose, long ago given over to the hardships of the war against the Conqueror of Oz. She can often be found in the company of her spouse, Professor Pastoria of the Warlock department.

She is of modest height, with a light scar on her otherwise light face. Although she is at over a hundred years old at this point, she appears as a woman in her thirties. She wears silver slippers regardless of the rest of her outfit, even when dressed for fighting, hair ever in pigtails. A tattoo stating "No Place Like Home" is on her upper right arm. She carries a heavy tin battleaxe, formerly belonging to a fallen friend.

KLANK (warforged; he/him)

First things first. He's not "Professor" Klank, he's "Coach" Klank. One of the most successful Kordsball coaches at the university level, Klank is a sportsman first and foremost, and if he has to teach some hammer-swinging classes to keep the paychecks coming in the off-season, so be it.

Despite his preference of the athletics field to the classroom, Klank is an excellent tactician, and is a better teacher than he, himself, believes.

He has strong opinions on sports, especially Kordsball, and thinks college ball is better than the pros because it's "purer." He doesn't play favorites and gives the grade that's earned, but he'll certainly smack a player on the back of the head if he fails a class and has to be benched.

As a warforged, Klank is a man made of metal with broad shoulders and (somehow) the beginnings of a beer-belly. Although he doesn't wear clothes otherwise, he usually has his coach's jacket on and a whistle around his neck. A modicum of rust on his chin gives the illusion of five-o'clock shadow, and during ballgames, has a five-inch nail clutched in his mouth which he chews on frustratedly when his players are doing something stupid.

(Coach Klank was created by Reinforcements, a member of the now defunct WotC message boards)

VICTOR TWINBLADES (Tiefling; he/him)

As his name might suggest, Professor Twinblades wears two longswords on his hip, and wields one in each hand in battle. Although he only did one season of *Faerun's Next Great Adventurer*, his popularity lingers, and more students sign up for his sessions than can be accommodated, so many consider it a big deal to learn directly from him.

Although he comes off as laid back and easygoing, the attention feeds his ego, and he's having some trouble adjusting as his reputation goes from being "Young Heartthrob" to "Cool Old Guy." You can barely see his smile flicker when somebody says, "My mom thinks you're so hot."

He's not even that old (*says the middle-aged man writing this*) at 38, his crimson face just beginning to show lines. He tries to keep his haircut and style of dress consistent with the trends.

SPECIALIZED FACULTY

CHARLEMAGNE SCHWARZ

(human; he/him)

Battle Master program coordinator

Professor Charlemagne, as he prefers to be called, is a dreary, bored-sounding man who speaks in a slow mumble. He is an unrivaled expert in military history and in tactics, but his lectures... drag. He drones on and on in a deep monotone, never stopping to clarify or answer questions (he'll offer to answer questions at the very end of class, but by then, everybody's just ready to leave.)

He is tall and tired-looking, with long white hair and a brush-like mustache. He wears long out-of-date plate armor, looking like he stepped out of the middle ages and hasn't gotten over the jet lag.

GWEN PENDRAGON (human;

she/her)

Eldritch Knight program coordinator

Professor Pendragon is one of the "Ten Gwens," creations of Dr. Miles Mordenheim (of late the necromancy professor at the University of Tvashti), in an attempt to resurrect via cloning a lost student who was killed by a vengeful goblin who hated her boyfriend. In her case, her DNA was blended with the mystic essence of legendary Earth hero, Arthur Pendragon, because whatever his feelings for young Gwen the Original, he's still a mad scientist, after all.

Gwen is a powerful warrior, despite her somewhat small frame, a blonde young woman in her late 20s with a weird hairband because all the Gwen clones have that weird headband. She speaks with certain archaic terms, notably thee/thou/thy pronouns and exclamations like "zounds" and "sooth." On the other hand, she enjoys go-go dancing and going to coffee shops. She's the drummer for Silverhand, the band

fronted by Storm Silverhand of the bard department.



Gwen Pendragon

JAYNA HALFELVEN (Half-Elf; she/her)

Champion program coordinator

Sharp-eyed and confident, Professor Halfelven is a descendant of the one-time leader of the legendary Heroes of the Lance, displaced from her home in Krynn when the Takhisian Empire conquered that world. She is highly skilled with sword and crossbow, and an exceptional dragonrider, and although she is among the more popular professors, she is also torn between her duties at Sigil Prep and her commitment to aiding the resistance back home.

Slim and athletic, Halfelven is a natural warrior, with an ease of movement and a posture that indicates that, despite her modest height and build, she is a formidable combatant.