

Introduction to Ceramics
FA 1310.501
Fall 2020

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ARTS 1310.501

Fall 2020: Tuesday/Thursday 10:30 – 1:00

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Zoom office hours will take the place of in person if necessary

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Course Content

All 100-level art studio courses carry no prerequisites and are designed for both students who have a general interest in art as well as students who plan on majoring or minoring in art. Introduction to Ceramics is a comprehensive introduction to the basic terms, concepts, historical, and technical information that support creative development in ceramics. Lectures, demonstrations, group discussions, assigned projects and critiques will assist the student's growth and critical understanding of the issues in ceramic arts better preparing them for further study in the medium.

Student Learning Objectives

- Demonstrate introductory level working knowledge of hand building, throwing, slip working, glazing and firing methods.
- Exhibit patience, persistence and creative problem skills.
- Develop ability to think visually and communicate ideas.
- Identify and discuss major developments in ceramics as they have occurred throughout time.
- Demonstrate ability to discuss and defend work in relation to concepts, ideas, techniques, processes, and experiences.

Materials

Students will need the following materials. Stoneware Clay, Anasazi 5X (cone 6) Small Bucket, Plastic, Masking Tape, Clean-up sponge, Notebook, Towel, Lock. Glazes will be provided for the students. **Do not bring in outside glazes.**

Suggested Texts:

Ceramics. Glenn Nelson.

The Craft and Art of Clay, Susan Peterson

Centering. M.C. Richards

The Complete Potter: Throwing. Richard Plethean

Student Responsibilities

- Students are required to complete all assignments on time, participate in scheduled critiques, class discussions and maintain a safe, respectable, positive studio Environment.
- Art studio classes are very different than other classes. The majority of work is done in the studio due to equipment and material needs. Students are expected to work in the studio several hours each week in addition to scheduled class times. Open studio hours will be announced.

Neither dishonesty nor unruly behavior will be tolerated in the classroom; such actions will lead to being dropped from the course. According to our Student Code of Conduct found on page 179 of the 2012 – 2014 UNM-Valencia Catalog:

“Appropriate disciplinary procedures and sanctions shall be applied to any student who commits, or attempts to commit, any of the following acts of misconduct: 2.4. Academic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, dishonesty in quizzes, tests, or assignments: claiming credit for work not done or done by others; hindering the academic work of other students; misrepresenting academic or professional qualifications within or without the University; and nondisclosure or misrepresentation in filling out applications or other University records.”

UNM Email/Black Board Learn Access: Beginning Fall 2015 semester, all UNM-Valencia students will need a UNM Net ID which can be created by going to: <http://it.unm.edu/accounts/>. UNM Net ID will give you access to the computer labs on campus, blackboard learn and UNM Email.

- Students are expected to attend every class on time, fully prepared for each day's work and clean the studio before the end of each class. More than three absences without prior consultation may result in a failing grade or a drop from the class. Leaving excessively early or arriving late three times results in one absence. Students are responsible for lecture and demo information missed if absent. No repeats of lectures or demos will be given due to lack of attendance.
- Cell phones need to be put on mute during class times. If you must receive a call during class time leave the studio before you answer. No phone conversations, text messaging, web surfing, movie watching etc. in studios.
- If you have any issue that may need special attention or accommodation, please see me after class. All personal information is kept strictly confidential. Likewise, I keep all grades, personal information, etc confidential. Please understand that I will not give out such information on the phone or through email or to anyone other than you.

Grading

Grading is based on completion of course assignments (no full credit will be given for late work), quality of individual technical and critical development, personal commitment and ability to work in a community studio setting. Personal commitment involves regular attendance, consistent effort, completion of work and participation in group critiques and the general willingness to try. **Green ware is not finished work.**

<p><u>Ceramics I Introduction to Ceramics</u> PROJECT & CRITIQUE RUBRIC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>A+, A, A- (100% - 90%)</u></p> <p>Demonstrates outstanding skill, discernment, and working knowledge of hand building, throwing, combined processes and surfaces development.</p> <p>Quality of work is excellent, and is integrated with exceptional creativity</p> <p>Outstanding patience and persistence with outstanding problem-solving skills demonstrated</p> <p>Demonstrates an outstanding ability to discuss and assess work in critique and class discussions.</p> <p>Demonstrates extensive use and understanding of concepts and terminology used in the discipline</p>
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There are two required group critiques, midterm and final. The midterm critique measures progress made on assignments up to that time and final critique is where all work is evaluated for grade.

Assignments	65%
Critiques	25%
Attendance/Participation	10%

<u>D+, D, D- (69% - 60%)</u>	<u>F (59% and below)</u>
Demonstrates a lack of skill, discernment, and working knowledge of hand building, throwing, combined processes and surfaces development.	Fails to demonstrate skill, discernment, and working knowledge of hand building, throwing, combined processes and surfaces development.
Quality of work is borderline acceptable, and is poorly integrated with creativity	Quality of work is unacceptable, and is not integrated with creativity
Limited patience and persistence with limited problem solving skills demonstrated	No patience and persistence with no problem-solving skills demonstrated
Demonstrates a limited ability to discuss and assess work in critique and class discussions.	Does not participate in discussing or assessing work in critique and class discussions.
Demonstrates poor use and understanding of concepts and terminology used in this discipline	Shows little or no understanding of the concepts and terminology used in this discipline

Schedule

(Subject to changes)

Wk 1: Aug. 18/20

Tuesday: Introduction & Syllabus
Thursday: Wedging & pinch pot demos (**Assignment 1**)

Wk 2: Aug. 25/27

Tuesday: Ceramic History & Coil building demo
Thursday: Workday (**Assignment 2**)

Wk 3: Sept. 1/3

Tuesday: Decorative slip & Glaze demo
Thursday: Workday (**Assignment 3**)

Wk 4: Sept. 8/10

Tuesday: Throwing & trimming with demos
Thursday: Workday (**Assignment 4**)

Wk 5: Sept. 15/17	Tuesday: Cylinder & Bowl with throwing demo Thursday: Workday (Assignment 5)
Wk 6: Sept. 22/24	Tuesday: Workday Thursday: Workday
Wk 7: Sept. 29/Oct 1	Tuesday: Workday Thursday: Workday
Wk 8: Oct. 6/8	Tuesday: Workday Thursday: Midterm critique
Wk 9: Oct. 13/15	Tuesday: Cups with & without handles. Hand building & throwing demo Thursday: Workday (Assignment 6)
Wk 10: Oct. 20/22	Tuesday: Workday Thursday: Workday
Wk 11: Oct 27/29	Tuesday: Covered jar lecture with demo Thursday: Workday (Assignment 7)
Wk 12: Nov. 3/5	Tuesday: Election Day: Holiday Thursday: Workday
Wk 13: Nov. 10/12	Tuesday: Workday Thursday: Last Wet Clay Day
Wk 14: Nov. 17/19	Tuesday: Workday. Finish All Trimming Thursday: Workday
Wk 15: Nov. 24/26	Tuesday: Last Bisque Thursday: Thanksgiving No Class
Wk 16: Dec. 1/3	Tuesday: Final Critique Thursday: Pack Work & Studio Clean Up (required for grade)

Assignments

Assignment 1: 5 points
2 different pinch pots with texture (any size or shape)

Assignment 2: 5 points
1 small coil built form with slip decoration (at least four coils)

Assignment 3: 10 points
History/Influence presentation w/ plans, large coil piece (H-18" minimum)

Assignment 4: 5 points
3 Thrown and Trimmed forms. (any size or shape)

Assignment 5: 10 points
1 Thrown cylinder. (H-8") and 1 Thrown bowl. (D-8")

Assignment 6: 15 points
3 Matching cups with handles, 2 Non-matching without handles. (one set thrown and other set hand built)

Assignment 7: 15 points
1 Covered jar. (Thrown or Hand built)

Other Important Information

Equal Access

If you have documented disability, please provide me with a copy of your letter from Equal Access Services as soon as possible to ensure that your accommodations are provided in a timely manner. It is up to you to obtain documentation of a disability. If you are a Valencia campus student, contact Equal Access Services at Valencia Campus (505) 925-8910 and <https://valencia.unm.edu/students/advisement-and-counseling/equal-access-services.html>. If you are a main campus

student you can receive documentation from the main campus Accessibility Resource Center <http://as2.unm.edu/>. I will not guarantee accommodation without the appropriate documentation

Title IX

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