

## INTRODUCTION TO TILE MAKING

ARTS 2996 501: Introduction to Tile Making

SU 2024: Friday 10:00--3:00

CRN: 30410

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### Course Content

ARTS Topics class, Introduction to Tile Making, has no prerequisites. This class is an introductory study of making tiles, including basic terms, concepts, historical and technical information that support creative development in tile making. Lectures, demonstrations, group discussions, assigned projects and critiques will assist the student's growth and critical understanding of working with ceramic tile. You will also have the option to work on a tile mural for the outside of the Fine Arts Department building.

### Student Learning Objectives

- Demonstrate proficiency in working with a slab roller, extruder, tile molds and other tools and materials used for making tiles.
- Exhibit patience, persistence and creative problem skills.
- Develop ability to think visually and communicate ideas into clay objects.
- Identify and discuss major developments in the field of ceramics.
- Demonstrate ability to discuss and defend work in relation to concepts, ideas, techniques, processes, and experiences.

### Materials

Students will need the following materials. Stoneware or earthenware clay. Plastic, Masking Tape, Spray Bottle, Clean up sponge, Notebook, Towel, Lock. Glazes will be provided for the students. **Do not bring in outside glazes.**

### Suggested Text

**Handmade Tiles:** Frank Giorgini

**500 Tiles:** Lark Books

### Student Responsibilities

Students are required to complete all assignments on time, participate in scheduled critiques and class discussions, and maintain a safe, respectable, positive studio environment.

## Student Responsibilities (Continued)

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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. This class will be online this summer

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 121 of the **2014 – 2016 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: <sup>1</sup>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.”

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

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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.**

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	60%
Critiques	25%

<p><b>1. <u>Beginning Functional Pottery</u></b> PROJECT &amp; CRITIQUE RUBRIC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>A+, A, A- (100% - 90%)</u></b></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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Attendance/Participation      15%

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>B+, B, B- (89% - 80%)</u></b></p> <p>Demonstrates moderate skill, discernment, and working knowledge of hand building, throwing, combined processes and surfaces development.</p> <p>Quality of work is good, and is integrated with some creativity</p> <p>Moderate patience and persistence with medium problem solving skills demonstrated</p> <p>Demonstrates a solid ability to discuss and assess work in critique and class discussions.</p> <p>Demonstrates competent use and understanding of concepts and terminology used in this discipline</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>C+, C, C- (79% - 70%)</u></b></p> <p>Demonstrates average skill, discernment, and working knowledge of hand building, throwing, combined processes and surfaces development.</p> <p>Quality of work is modest, and is moderately integrated with creativity</p> <p>Average patience and persistence with average problem solving skills demonstrated</p> <p>Demonstrates an average ability to discuss and assess work in critique and class discussions.</p> <p>Demonstrates an average use and understanding of concepts and terminology used in this discipline</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>D+, D, D- (69% - 60%)</u></b></p> <p>Demonstrates a lack of skill, discernment, and working knowledge of hand building, throwing, combined processes and surfaces development.</p> <p>Quality of work is borderline acceptable, and is poorly integrated with creativity</p> <p>Limited patience and persistence with limited problem solving skills demonstrated</p> <p>Demonstrates a limited ability to discuss and assess work in critique and class discussions.</p> <p>Demonstrates poor use and understanding of concepts and terminology used in this discipline</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>F (59% and below)</u></b></p> <p>Fails to demonstrate skill, discernment, and working knowledge of hand building, throwing, combined processes and surfaces development.</p> <p>Quality of work is unacceptable, and is not integrated with creativity</p> <p>No patience and persistence with no problem solving skills demonstrated</p> <p>Does not participate in discussing or assessing work in critique and class discussions.</p> <p>Shows little or no understanding of the concepts and terminology used in this discipline</p>

## Schedule

(subject to changes)

Week 1: **June 7: Friday:** Introduction & syllabus. Discussion of the history of tile-making, kinds of tiles, uses, materials, tools and equipment.  
How to roll slabs with a rolling pin, use a slab roller. Discussion of repetitive designs.  
**Assignment 1**

Week 2: **June 14: Friday:** Making tile molds, press molds and carved molds. Making tiles with raised or incised designs. **Assignment 2**

Week 3: **June 21: Friday:** Using an extruder. Making a mural design. **Assignment 3**

Week 4: **June 28: Friday:** Making resist designs, using tape, shellac, and wax

Week 5: **July 5: Friday:** Making surface designs using underglazes, glazes, slips, overglazes

and sgraffito. **Assignment 4**

Week 6: **July 12: Friday:** Making designs using decals. **Assignment 5**

**Week 7: July 19: Friday:** Choose an individual project that utilizes at least one of the methods we learned

Week 8: **July 26: Friday: Complete all glazing and assembling of projects. Final Critique and studio cleaning**

### Assignments:

**Assignment 1:** **10 points**

Make 4 tiles using either a rolling pin or the slab roller, using a repetitive design

**Assignment 2:** **10 points**

Make one kind of mold and make 4 tiles from that mold

**Assignment 3:** **10 points**

Make 4 tiles using an extruder

**Assignment 4:** **10 points**

Make 4 tiles using one or more techniques of surface design

**Assignment 5:** **20 points**

Make a project of your choice using any of the techniques you have learned