

ART 121 : CERAMICS: INTRODUCTION TO HAND BUILDING

Transcript title

Ceramics: Intro Hand Building

Credits

4

Grading mode

Standard letter grades

Total contact hours

50

Lecture hours

30

Other hours

20

Course Description

Introduces basic hand building skills, simple glaze application, and an understanding of fundamental ceramic processes for students with little or no experience. Includes presentation of historical, cultural, and contemporary trends in ceramics. Repeatable for credit.

Course learning outcomes

1. Identify characteristics of clay: colors, maturing temperatures, shrinkage, and plasticity.
2. Practice safe handling of raw materials associated with ceramics.
3. Apply appropriate steps to create a well-crafted, hand-built ceramic from clay.
4. Glaze bisque ware safely.
5. Recognize and correct flaws in hand-built ceramic construction.
6. Use media-specific terminology to receive and provide feedback.

Content outline

1. Basic ceramics vocabulary
2. Strategies for developing hand built ceramics
3. Methods of hand building: coil, slab, and hollow out
4. Glazing methods
5. Historical and contemporary perspectives in ceramics
6. Constructive critiques: receiving and giving feedback between instructor and classmates

Required materials

Students will need to provide specific materials used in this course; please see the syllabus for a detailed list.