Form and Function: Ceramics I Syllabus
Eastfield College

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Course Information
Course Title: Ceramics I
Course Number: ARTS-2346
Section Number: 43500
Semester/Year: Spring 2020
Credit Hours: 3.00
Class Meeting Time/Location: Monday/Wednesday, 6:00pm-8:50pm. Room 217
Certification Date: February 3, 2020 (Monday)
Last Day to Withdraw: April 16, 2020 (Thursday)

Course Prerequisites
Recommended, but not required—ARTS 1311, ARTS 1312, ARTS 1316, and ARTS 1317.

Course Description
This course focuses on the building of pottery forms by coil, slab, and use of the wheel. Glazing and firing are also included. (2 Lec., 4 Lab.)

Student Learning Outcomes
Exploration of ideas using basic ceramic processes:
• Basic understanding of low fire, mid fire and high fire clay bodies.
• Basic knowledge of glaze applications and techniques.
• Basic knowledge of slipping and scoring
• Basic understanding of studio practice.

**Texas Core Objectives**
The College defines essential knowledge and skills that students need to develop during their college experience. These general education competencies parallel the Texas Core Objectives for Student Learning. In this course, the activities you engage in will give you the opportunity to practice two or more of the following core competencies:

1. **Critical Thinking Skills** - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
2. **Communication Skills** - to include effective development, interpretation, and expression of ideas through written, oral, and visual communication
3. **Empirical and Quantitative Skills** - to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
4. **Teamwork** - to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal
5. **Personal Responsibility** - to include the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making
6. **Social Responsibility** - to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities

**Required Course Materials**
- Textbook: Working with Clay by Susan Peterson (Not Required)
- Sketchbook (must be 8.5” x 11” or larger, any brand or type of paper.)
- Apron or Large t-shirt
- 1 large bath towel / 1 bar towel
- 2 Gallon Bucket -Pad lock (Recommended but Not Required)
- 12” Ruler
- Clay & Tools: All clay and tools will be purchased as a kit from Trinity Ceramic (9016 Diplomacy Row.) Any cone 6 or mid-fire stoneware clay is allowed. Please have at least 25 pounds of clay by the second week of class.

**Note:** A student of this institution is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.
**Graded Work**

The tables below provide a summary of the graded work in this course and an explanation of how your final course grade will be calculated.

**Summary of Graded Work**

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**Grading Scale**

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**Description of Graded Work**

Each Student will be graded on the concept, craftsmanship, Decorative application/execution. For more information please see the attached rubric.

**Attendance and Your Final Grade**

After three (3) unexcused absences students average will drop a letter grade

**Late Work Policy**

Late work will only be accepted if approved by instructor.

**Institutional Policies**

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