

Ceramics - Art I Course Outline

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Within ceramics we use clay as our medium to create all of our artwork. We start the semester by learning the various hand building techniques like pinch, coil, and slab. We also talk about how to use various glazes on your pieces. Later in the semester you will learn to throw on the wheel. You will walk away from this class with many new ceramic pieces such as a mug, plate, vase, bowl, box and even a whistle. Students get many opportunities to show and sell their work.

Class rules

- * Have respect for yourself and for others and their work and belongings.
- * Come on time ready to work.
- * Clean up after yourself everyday...wipe down your desk, put your work and supplies away.
- * Bring a pencil.
- * When I need your attention please give it to me.
- * Any and all cell phones and musical devices are not to be seen or used
- * NO THROWING CLAY or other ART MATERIALS...instant REFERRAL!

Art Donation:

There is a recommended \$30 art donation

Participation: Staying focused and on task is crucial when creating art. You will get points for your daily participation, which includes contributing to class discussion, working hard, and cleaning up. If you do not clean up after yourself or do your cleanup job you will not earn your points for the day. Everyone will have a class cleanup job they are responsible for completing for daily participation points. If you miss a class you can make up the work you missed. There will be posted open studio times after school. In addition at the end of each semester there is a **mandatory final class clean up**. If you miss the clean up you can **not** pass the class. If you are absent the day of your class clean up you are required to make up that time.

Late Work:

Work turned in late will receive 9% point deduction. You have until the end of each grading period to turn any missing assignment after which they will not be accepted.

Overview of some potential Ceramic projects and techniques during first semester:

Pinch: Pots, cups,

Sculpture: Creatures, people, animals

Coil: Vases, bowls, sculpture

Slab: Boxes, plates, abstract

Wheel: Cups, bowls, vases

Glazing techniques: Using wax resist, under glaze, glaze testing and experimentation

Independent student driven projects

Portfolios and Critique

You will be keeping a portfolio of your semesters work. An artist statement will be due with the final review and critique of each semester. During the class critique you are expected to analyze your artwork and the class's artwork.

Art History

We will frequently be looking at different works of art and use the principles and elements of art to talk about them. We will also be reading short excerpts about a period of art, or an artist, or a review of a show.

Journal (sketchbook/folder)

You will keep a journal due at the end of each grading period. In your journal you will have journal writes, doodle, and plans of things you would like to make, give feedback on projects, artist researches, and give notes and sketches on galleries you have visited.

Artist Researches and Art Reviews

You need 2 artist researches in the fall semester. In an artist research you will look up an artist give a little info on the artist and attach a picture or a sketch of something that they have done you will also create an original work of art inspired by that artist. In addition you will be required to visit at least 2 art galleries and sketch 3 pieces as well as write a reflection concerning the art you choose to sketch. Each 6 weeks you will be responsible for either an artist research or gallery walk.

Final test

We have a midterm and a final. Tests consist of drawing and written response. There is also a class critique as part of your final grade.

Grading

As we are working in a media the project points will go up as we work with harder assignments.

The grade book is broken up into 4 categories each worth a percentage of your grade.

Class Assignments 60%

HW and Sketchbook 10%

Participation, Clean up, and Attendance 20%

Portfolio, Critiques, and Tests 10%

A+ 100 – 97.5 A 97.4 – 93.5 A- 93.4 – 90

B+ 89.9 – 87.5 B 87.4 – 83.5 B- 83.4 – 80

C+ 79.9 – 77.5 C 77.4 – 73.5 C- 74.4 – 70

D+ 69.9 – 67.5 D 67.4 – 63.5 D- 64.4 – 60

F 59.9 and below

Grading:

- Drawing exercise
- Art Projects and art critiques
- Tests
- Written responses
- Research Paper
- Gallery review
- Final clean up (you cannot pass art if you miss the final clean up)
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Missing Supplies: Supplies that go walking off during the year will be added up and charged to the class. So let's work together to make sure this doesn't happen!

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Student Signature Date

Parent/Gaurdian Signature Date
