

# Course Abstract

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**Course ID and Name:**     **ART 201 Ceramics: Hand-Building**

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**Prerequisites:**                 N/A                 **Co-requisites:**         N/A

## Course Description:

Experience in the various hand-building and decorating techniques as well as some experience in the process of stacking and firing the kiln. Field trips required.

## General Education Status:

<b>Credits:</b>	<b>Lecture Hours:</b>	<b>Lab Hours:</b>
3	3	0

## Learning Outcomes:

1. Demonstrate a proficiency in working with ceramic materials and hand building techniques to produce clay vessels.
2. Formulate and apply knowledge of ceramic glazes to fired work.
3. Develop knowledge of the history of ceramics in western and non-western cultures and investigate their influence on contemporary works of art.
4. Apply critical thinking skills to evaluate and analyze individual ceramic works and apply this analysis to improve creativity.

**Course Content Areas:**

1. History of ceramics in both western and non-western cultures
2. Characteristics of clay: preparation, wedging, conservation, and recycling techniques
3. Pinch construction: building of forms using pinch techniques
4. Joining techniques of clay as applied to all building techniques
5. Finishing techniques of clay as applied to all building techniques
6. Coil construction: building of forms using coils
7. Slab construction: building of forms using slab techniques
8. Firing of ceramic work
9. Glazing: Glaze tests and glazing of works
10. Appreciation and application of contemporary trends in ceramics