

**Ceramics I**  
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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

ARTS 2346: this class will focus on hand building techniques.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- To acquaint students with various clay bodies along with a variety of equipment, tools, and hand-building techniques.
- To offer challenges and individual critique to allow the student to develop in the areas of technical proficiency, critical judgment, and personal aesthetic to be evident in a series and/or body of ceramic work.

**METHODS:**

Students will work in a variety of hand-building techniques.

The instructor will work individually with each student to jointly determine goals including, but not limited to:

1. Progress in technical skills throughout the semester
2. Development of a cohesive body of work with a strong personal aesthetic
3. Maintenance of a complete sketchbook/journal - research
4. Additional studio work outside of class as needed

**GENERAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Attendance: For a 3 credit hour class, 3 classes may be missed before your final grade goes down.
2. Participation: students are required to participate in class discussions, exercises, and critiques.
3. Preparation: students should come to class prepared. Students are expected to take notes on all materials presented in class, including discussions, techniques, and critiques. Students are expected to be prepared with the necessary materials to work in class.
4. Discipline: every student in the class has the right to be in the class and is therefore entitled to an optimal learning environment. Disruption of that environment will be dealt with first with a warning, second a conference, and third expulsion from the course. Disruptions include but are not limited to behavior and/or speech inappropriate to the classroom, talking during lectures or demonstrations. Cell phones must be turned off during demonstrations. If a cell phone goes off the entire class will be given a homework assignment due at the beginning of the next class period.
5. Attitude: students are expected to have an attitude conducive to learning; a cooperative and open-minded attitude is essential to learning.
6. Commitment to the course: five hours in class per week, in addition to productive work outside of class are required - perhaps more depending on work habits or particular projects.

**REMINDER:**

1. It is very important to come to class prepared to work and do the necessary preliminary work so you are prepared to work during class time.
2. You are not entitled to a good grade just for showing up. You will receive the grade you have earned on projects, participation, and attendance.
3. If you do not come to or participate in critique, up to ten points can be subtracted from your project grade.

**ACADEMIC HONESTY:**

The faculty is strongly committed to upholding standards of academic integrity. These standards, at a minimum, require that students never present the work of others as their own.

**AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT:**

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Special Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made.

For more information, call or visit the Advising and Testing Office in the Special Services building, 726-2368 or the Health and Wellness Office south of the Technical Center, 716-2529.

### **TITLE IX PREGNANCY ACCOMODATIONS:**

If you are a pregnant or parenting student, you should know that under Title IX, you have a right to stay in school so you can meet your education and career goals.

The process for receiving Title IX pregnancy accommodations at SPC begins with filling out the application and providing documentation.

### **SEXUAL ASSAULT/HARASSMENT**

South Plains College is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working and living environment and will not tolerate acts of sexual harassment or sexual violence or related retaliation against or by any employee or student. When sexual harassment or sexual violence has occurred and is brought to the attention of a Title IX official, SPC will take steps to end the harassment or violence, prevent its re-occurrence and address its effects. For more information, view the sexual harassment policy on the SPC website.

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### **ATTENDANCE:**

Class Attendance is MANDATORY. Three absences are permitted, every absence over three will cause a drop in your final letter grade. Excessive absences (six or more), or failure to complete class requirements will result in a failing grade. If you have extenuating circumstances talk to or email me. If you wait until the end of the semester, I will not consider these.

### **SUPPLY LIST**

sketchbook (used only for this class)  
writing/drawing utensils  
individual project supplies as needed

### **GRADE SCALE:**

A+ The work is exceedingly excellent

A 95 Exceptional work, outstanding, high level of maturity, perception, clarity and originality. Technically handsome work.

A- Work is slightly weaker than above mentioned.

B+ Work is above average, but not quite up to the expectations of "A" work.

B 85 The work level, effort and accomplishment is beyond the norm. Good development and understanding of the media at hand.

B- Work is not quite a full-fledged "B". A few areas may need further attention.

C+ Work is above average.

C 75 Work is satisfactory. Good completion of projects, basically meeting the assigned requirements, improvement is expected.

C- A clear message that the work is barely satisfactory.

D+ Work is poor in execution and presentations.

D 65 Barely passing. Not meeting designated criteria set forth; weak effort, inconsistent and sloppy presentation.

F 59 Failed. Work is unacceptable, late, incomplete, not meeting criteria, inconsistent, sloppy, poor in quality, not showing any effort.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

1. Do not use Blackboard Messenger to contact me, it is best to email me or come to my office.
2. Assignments and deadlines may be changed, deleted, or added, so always check Blackboard and/or with the instructor.
3. Students who believe they have been exposed or may be COVID-19 positive and want to be able to make up the absences, must contact Health Services, DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at (806) 716-2376 or [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu).