Art 3331 – Ceramics 1  San Angelo Museum of Fine Art Education Ceramics studio  
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In this course, you will learn the basics of working in clay, from developing ideas to the finished product. Assignments and class critiques will introduce vocabulary and lead you toward technical and aesthetic discoveries. You will explore various forming methods, hand building, throwing on the potter’s wheel and learning fundamentals of glazing and firing processes.

Text: Working with Clay, 2nd or 3rd ed. by Susan Peterson. This book is required for the course along with it being read.

Coil demonstration: form and shape assignment- a coil form (no smaller than 8”x 8”x 10”) it must or may not have and additive or subtractive surface treatment.

Texture: assignment- a tile with at least 10 different textures. The tile must be 10 “ x 4” in the wet state, and 2- 5”x 5” tile with any surface or design. The smaller tile is to be left for the studio wall.

Slab building techniques: form and shape assignments- a vase is the theme. The vase is to be no smaller than 7” x 5” x 2” in area in the wet state.

Wheel work/Throwing: assignments three thrown cylinders at least 6” tall and 4” wide in the wet state. Two are turned in for grading

10 completely different mugs no smaller that 4” x 4” in the wet state.

Finishing: this will entail the process of trimming you cylinders, mug and learn the process of pulling handles for the mugs. These must be make and trimmed and ready to be fired by midterm. There is a penalty for not having the mugs ready for midterm.

Glazing will be demonstrated before mid-term.

Assignment: 2 thrown pitchers they are to be no smaller that 8” tall and a proportional width. One pitcher will have a pulled spout and the second will have a hand built spout both must have pulled handles.

Assignment: 5 thrown bowls they must be no smaller than 4” tall and 6 “ wide in the wet state. Two of them must match bowls, The bowls must have trimmed feet.

Assignment: 1 ceramic teapot, no smaller than 7” in height, to be exhibited in our Ceramic show in the Art Galley. The piece must be complete ready to display by March 15, 2019.

Final exam is May 9, 2019

You will be furnished with 50# of stoneware clay and the glazes to finish your wares.

I will not furnish any of following items for you.  
Materials: basic pottery tool kit, 12” x 9” drawing pad, ex-acto knife, plastic bucket. Ruler, lock, #8 watercolor brush, spray bottle, plastic bags, scissors, 8 clothes pins, sand paper, scouring pad and work clothes.  
Tools maybe purchased at the University bookstore or you local Hobby Lobby.

Attendance: Absences are counter-productive to learning, for every 3 unexcused absences I will lower you grade by one letter. As in any other academic class I strongly recommend outside studio time: at least...
30 min for every hour in class. Arriving late and leaving early will affect you grade. Your arrival of 15 minutes late for class that is considered an absence. This is your only Warning.

A suggestion: You should consider making one or two extra pieces in case of brakeage in the firings, this is just a suggestion. I only grade finished glazed fired ware.

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Silence all cell phone during my class, if your phone rings I get to answer it (I’m not kidding) In case of an emergency your party can contact the Department of Visual and Preforming Arts at 325-942-2085, ext 221 and they will get you the message or get you out of class.

I have received, read and understand the copy of this course Art 3331 syllabus and information sheet.

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