

Ceramics is a course designed to introduce students to beginning ceramic techniques that will enable students to create beautiful works of art. The course objective is to develop a pathway that accelerates individual analysis communication, expression, and production. Course curriculum is presented in units that detail specific learning outcomes. Each unit will introduce a project theme, demonstrate a production skill, provide cultural and historical motivation, and culminate with a written and verbal class critique. During the first semester students will learn hand building and potter's wheel methods. Specific skills of pinch, slab, drape, and coil, wheel thrown cups, bowls, plate and vases will be introduced. Students will be able to discuss the vocabulary and terminology that accompany the skills required by artists to express communicate their thoughts through the clay medium. Students will be required to refine, complete, and glaze all artwork. Students will explore surface design and texture through simple glaze combinations.

