

Ceramics 411 - Calendar – Fall 2011

(Changes or additions will be announced in class)

Aug. 18 (Thur)

Introductions, syllabus review and studio tour
Clay exercises: Clay stamp-making – create some clay tools

Aug. 23 (Tue)

Lecture: Basic Ceramic Materials & Processes
Demo: Pinch and trapped air forms, clay tools
Work on: Project # 2 – “Closed Forms”

Aug. 25 (Thur)

Demo: Cutting lids in closed forms and decorative techniques with underglaze and slip
Slide Lecture: Historical Pottery and Coil Pots

Aug. 30 (Tue)

Demo: Coil building techniques

Sept. 1 (Thur)

Work on Project #3- “Coil Pots”
Demo: Greenware surface techniques

Sept. 6 (Tue)

Lecture: Small Environments and Slab Construction
Demo: Making a clay slab and soft slab techniques

Sept. 8 (Thur)

Demo: Leather-hard slab construction

Sept. 13 (Tue) and Sept. 15 (Thur)

Work on: Project #4 – “Small Environment Project”
Demo: Bisque Surface Techniques

Sept. 20 (Tue)

Lecture: Glazing 101
Glaze a piece for raku

Sept. 22 (Thur)

Quiz: Ceramics Terminology

Sept. 27 (Tue)

Raku firings: Pieces must be glazed the class before

Sept. 29 (Thur), Oct. 4 (Tue.), and Oct. 6 (Thur)

Work on: Glazing for Midterm
Review for Midterm

Extra Credit- Ceramics Annual of America-Fort Mason Center-San Francisco
Show Friday and Saturday (10-8pm) and Sunday (10-6pm)
Instructor led tour- Saturday 1 pm, meet at the front

Oct. 11 (Tue)

Midterm: Individual discussion with instructor
Bring: See Midterm handout for complete list

Oct. 13 (Thur) and Oct. 18 (Tue)

Slide Lecture: Object with a Twist Project

Oct. 20 (Thur), Oct. 25 (Tue), and Oct. 27 (Thur)

Slide Lecture: Ceramic Relief Pieces
Demo: Relief methods
Work on: Project #6 – “Relief Tiles: Opposites”

Nov. 1 (Tue), Nov. 3 (Thur) and Nov. 8 (Tue)

Slide Lecture: “Contemporary Ceramics”
Work On: Project #7 – Contemporary Influence Project

Nov. 10 (Thur)

Raku firings: Pieces must be glazed the class before

Nov. 15 (Tue) and Nov. 17 (Thur)

Wheel throwing basics, optional for personal choice Project #8

Nov. 22 (Tue)

Demo: Kiln loading

Nov. 24 (Thur)

No Class – Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov. 29 (Tue)

LAST DAY OF WET CLAY – finish all projects

Dec. 1 (Thur)

LAST BISQUE FIRINGS guaranteed for finals

Dec. 6 (Tue)

Finish all glazing
LAST LOW/ CONE 5 GLAZE guaranteed for finals
LAST GLAZE RAKU and Cone 10

Dec. 8 (Thur)

LAST LOW/ CONE 5 GLAZE
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Dec. 13 (Tue)

Classroom clean up
Contemporary Influence paper and sketchbook due by 8 pm.

Dec. 15 (Thur) see finals schedule for time

Final – Group “Show and Tell” of pieces
Bring: Something to share for a potluck