

Ceramics 411 - Calendar – Spring 2010

(Changes or additions will be announced in class)

Jan. 19 (Tue)

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

Jan. 21 (Thur)

Lecture: Basic Ceramic Materials & Processes
Demo: Modeling and using clay tools
Work on: Project # 2 – Animal with Environment

Jan. 26 (Tue)

Demo: Hollowing out a solid form, adding detail and environment

Jan. 28 (Thur)

Demo: Using under-glazes – paint animal piece
Slide Lecture: A Historical Overview of Ceramics

Feb. 2 (Tue)

Demo: Coil techniques
Work on: Project #3 – Ceramic “Time Capsule”

Feb. 4 (Thur)

Work on: Project #3
Demo: Greenware surface techniques

Feb. 9 (Tue), Feb. 11 (Thur), and Feb. 16 (Tue)

Slide Lecture: Project #4 – Buildings in Clay
Demo: Making a clay slab & constructing with soft and leather-hard slabs
Make: Slabs for Project #4 so that they firm overnight
Work on: Project #4

Feb. 18 (Thur)

Lecture: Glazing 101
Glaze a piece for raku

Feb. 23 (Tue)

Quiz: Ceramics Terminology
Glaze a piece for raku

Feb. 25 (Thur)

Raku firings: Pieces must be glazed the class before

Mar. 2 (Tue), Mar. 4 (Thur) and Mar. 9 (Tue)

Slide Lecture: Ceramic Relief Pieces
Demo: Relief methods
Work on: Project #5 – Wall Works - Relief

Mar. 11 (Thur)

No Class – Campus Flex Day

Mar. 16 (Tue) and Mar. 18 (Thur)

Work on: Glazing for Midterm
Demo: Bisque surface techniques
Review for Midterm

Mar. 23 (Tue)

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

Mar. 25 (Thur), Mar. 30 (Tue), and Apr. 1 (Thur)

Slide Lecture: Project #6 – Object with a Twist
Work on: Project #6

Apr. 6 and Apr. 8

No Class – Spring Break

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

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

Apr. 20 (Tue)

Raku firings: Pieces must be glazed the class before

Apr. 22 (Thur) and Apr. 27 (Tue)

Work On: Project #8 – Personal Choice

Apr. 29 (Thur)

Instructor and advanced students set-up show in Davis
Open studio or may go to library to work on research papers.

May 4 (Tue)

Demo: Kiln loading

May 6 (Thur)

LAST DAY OF WET CLAY – finish all projects

May 11 (Tue)

LAST BISQUE FIRINGS guaranteed for finals

May 13 (Thur)

Finish all glazing
LAST LOW/ CONE 5 GLAZE guaranteed for finals

LAST GLAZE RAKU

Last possible bisque firings

May 18 (Tue)

LAST LOW/ CONE 5 GLAZE

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May 20 (Thur)

Classroom Clean up

May 25 (Tue)

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