

**ART 34A Course Outline as of Fall 2013****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: ART 34A      Title: CERAMIC SCULPTURE  
 Full Title: Ceramic Sculpture  
 Last Reviewed: 1/28/2019

| Units   |      | Course Hours per Week |      | Nbr of Weeks | Course Hours Total |        |
|---------|------|-----------------------|------|--------------|--------------------|--------|
| Maximum | 3.00 | Lecture Scheduled     | 2.00 | 17.5         | Lecture Scheduled  | 35.00  |
| Minimum | 3.00 | Lab Scheduled         | 4.00 | 17.5         | Lab Scheduled      | 70.00  |
|         |      | Contact DHR           | 0    |              | Contact DHR        | 0      |
|         |      | Contact Total         | 6.00 |              | Contact Total      | 105.00 |
|         |      | Non-contact DHR       | 0    |              | Non-contact DHR    | 0      |

Total Out of Class Hours: 70.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 175.00

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

**Catalog Description:**

An introductory course in ceramic sculpture to develop hand-building, glaze application and decoration technique.

**Prerequisites/Corequisites:****Recommended Preparation:****Limits on Enrollment:****Schedule of Classes Information:**

Description: An introductory course in ceramic sculpture to develop hand-building, glaze application and decoration technique. (Grade or P/NP)

Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended:

Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

Repeatability: Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

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| <b>AS Degree:</b> | <b>Area</b>          | Effective: | Inactive: |
| <b>CSU GE:</b>    | <b>Transfer Area</b> | Effective: | Inactive: |
| <b>IGETC:</b>     | <b>Transfer Area</b> | Effective: | Inactive: |

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| <b>CSU Transfer:</b> | Transferable | Effective: | Fall 1981 | Inactive: |
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| <b>UC Transfer:</b> | Transferable | Effective: | Fall 1981 | Inactive: |
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**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Certificate Applicable Course

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Outcomes and Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify and evaluate visual elements of ceramic sculpture to present the work in class critiques.
2. Use clay, glaze, tools and materials for ceramic sculpture.
3. Employ basic hand-building techniques to make ceramic sculpture.
4. Apply both basic glaze application and decoration techniques for ceramic sculpture.
5. Employ the vocabulary of ceramics and sculpture to describe ceramic sculpture and firing process.
6. Demonstrate a creative process with both disciplined work habits and risk-taking experimentation.
7. Examine and analyze examples of historical and contemporary ceramic sculpture to arrive at aesthetic and technical judgments.
8. Define health and safety issues that arise from the use of materials and equipment to maintain a ceramic studio.
9. Repeating students will be able to:
  - A. Employ "throwing technique" to make sculpture
  - B. Develop hand-building skill for a large sculpture
  - C. Demonstrate multi-firing decoration

### **Topics and Scope:**

1. Hand-building techniques
  - A. Coil
  - B. Pinched slab
  - C. Soft slab
  - D. Firm slab
2. Hand built forms
  - A. Geometric shapes
  - B. Organic shapes
3. Sculptural elements and principles

- A. Form and shape
- B. Space and volume
- C. Texture
- D. Positive and negative shapes
- 4. Decoration
  - A. Low fire glaze
  - B. Color slip
  - C. High fire glaze
- 5. Glaze application
  - A. Spray
  - B. Brush
- 6. Aesthetics
  - A. History of ceramic sculpture
  - B. Ceramic sculpture and non-ceramic sculpture
- 7. Firing process
  - A. Raku firing
  - B. Gas and electric firing
  - C. Safety
- 8. Subsequent repeat:
  - A. Sculpture with altered throwing parts
  - B. Hand-building technique for a large and light-weight sculpture.
  - C. Multi-firing decoration

### **Assignment:**

- 1. Use soft clay slabs to make a geometric form.
- 2. Use firm clay slabs to create an architectural form.
- 3. Use coil methods to make an organic form.
- 4. Use pinched clay slab to make a human body part - head, hand or foot.
- 5. Decorate sculpture with color slip and glaze.
- 6. Decorate surface of sculpture by scraping, incising and carving.
- 7. Examine books and magazines devoted to ceramic sculpture and techniques.
- 8. Complete basic terminology quiz.
- 9. Create final project: exhibit of completed work.
- 10. Repeating students will accomplish the above assignment applying the following criteria:
  - A. Make a sculpture with altered throwing parts
  - B. Make a large and light-weight sculpture
  - C. Develop surface decoration technique by multi-firing

### **Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:**

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

None, This is a degree applicable course but assessment tools based on writing are not included because skill demonstrations are more appropriate for this course.

Writing  
0 - 0%

**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

None

Problem solving  
0 - 0%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Class performances

Skill Demonstrations  
65 - 80%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

True/false, Matching items, Completion

Exams  
10 - 15%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Attendance and participation

Other Category  
10 - 20%

**Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

Ceramics (6th ed). Burkett, Richard and Nelson, Glen C. Wadsworth Publishing: 2002.