

ART 2750C Ceramics for Non-Majors

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Location B14 FAC

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Time 3pm - 6pm

Credit Hours 3

Office Hours Tuesdays 10-11am

via Zoom – appointment via Canvas

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/2508307319>

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*“Effective immediately, in light of new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, **we expect everyone to wear a mask at all times when inside any UF facility, even if you are vaccinated.** This includes our students, faculty, staff, vendors and visitors. Recent studies and guidance from the CDC state that both unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals can transmit the current COVID-19 variant to unvaccinated persons.”*

Email Policy

Email is the preferred method of communication outside of class time. I check my email regularly Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm and reply within 24 hrs. Note that an email received at 5:30 pm on a Friday may not be answered until Monday.

I look forward to an enjoyable and productive semester working together. Should you have any problems with your assignments or questions about your progress, **you are encouraged to make an individual appointment** for help or further information.

Class Etiquette

Introductions

Name preferences and preferred pro-nouns will be respected in this class, and all are asked to be patient with the occasional error.

<https://lgbtq.vassar.edu/transandnon-binaryresources/gender-pronouns.html>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fb_We13_QTA

Participation

Participation in discussions, group activities, in class work time, and critiques is crucial to the learning process. Through open discussion and participation in group critiques we can talk intellectually and critically about the work. Ceramic processes are a lot of work, your participation as a class in preparation, making, and cleanup are appreciated. Everyone will be expected to help. Studio cleanup is also a group activity that comes with the territory. Your participation is crucial here, both during and after class.

Professionalism

Once you enter this course you are considered a professional and will be expected to demonstrate professional work habits. This includes meeting deadlines, managing your time and being clear, thorough and thoughtful in your written and oral responses. You will be expected to listen actively, speak

thoughtfully and be fully engaged in class.

I hope that you will demonstrate your personal commitment to and personal investment in your work by doing lots of making, that you will PUSH beyond what you already know and do, and that you will continue to develop your voice as an artist.

Cell Phones

Cell phones should only be used for pertinent assigned course research. Calls, texting, social media, and watching videos are not allowed during class time. Please silence your devices ☺ Using your phone, tablet, etc. for these distractions will result in an absence for the day.

Course Description:

This course is a studio-based introduction to ceramic art and processes. Historical and contemporary examples, aesthetics, and 3D design principles will be highlighted through demonstrations, lectures, and tutorials. Students will learn a variety of hand forming processes, glazing, and electric kiln firing. Class projects will allow students to practice technique while developing their personal aesthetic within the realm of ceramics.

Course Objectives

- To develop a working knowledge of design concepts, including form, structure, space, surface, color, proportion, composition, and function.
- To learn the technical skills, vocabulary, processes and materials related to using clay as an art material for creating pottery and sculpture.
- To explore the creation of personal content in art and how that is conveyed to a viewer.
- To increase knowledge of historical and contemporary practices in ceramic art.
- To develop critical skills for analysis and discussion of art works through participation in critiques and discussions

Student Expectations

- Attend all class meetings.
- Come to class on time, ready to work, with the necessary supplies.
- Be attentive and engaged during demonstrations, discussions, critiques, and meetings.
- Work in a disciplined manner during in class work time.
- Challenge yourself creatively with each project.
- Spend necessary studio time outside of class.
- Complete assignments on time.
- Participate in cleanup at the end of class, and keep a clean studio outside of class.
- Participate in all group tasks including clay processing and kiln loading.
- Spend a minimum of 6 hours outside of class time working on assignments

Canvas

This course uses Canvas, UF's e-learning platform for all calendar, announcements, email, course materials, and assignments. Handouts will not be given in paper form, instead, access to all course material will be online through Canvas. Additionally, **ALL coursework must be submitted through Canvas for grading.** You are responsible to check <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/> regularly.

Welcome to UF Ceramics is an important part of this syllabus that can be found on Canvas in the course information module. These materials will be covered the first day of class.

Clay is a wonderful material and will do many things, but it can't be rushed or neglected without consequences. It takes regular practice and attention to develop skills and firing technique, and this will take studio time outside of scheduled class hours. **To get the best results, you must make MORE than the required number of works to achieve the appropriate number of successful finished pieces.**

Projects made for this class may NOT be submitted to any other class for credit unless both faculty have given prior approval. Failure to follow this rule will be considered academic dishonesty.

Sketchbooks

An ongoing assignment is to keep a sketchbook for each project. This should include notes from lectures and demonstrations, assigned ideation exercises, in addition to your thoughts, drawings, and reflections for each project. Your sketchbook can be in any format that compliments your practice including fully digital. I will periodically look over your sketchbook but there will be two major submissions (see calendar dates). You will also keep detailed reading notes in the sketchbook.

Homework

Homework in this class should be considered ongoing. I expect you to be putting in the appropriate amount of time outside of class to complete readings, develop ideas in your sketchbook, and complete projects in the studio. We will discuss and walk through assignments as a class so you will have time to ask questions to avoid misguided efforts. Also, along with each project, artists, readings, and videos will be reviewed and posted on Canvas for your reference. **Please note that deadlines are NOT negotiable**

Project Expectations

A minimum of 6 hours of studio time per week, outside of class, is required and necessary to complete projects in the allotted time frame. Successful completion of the projects includes preparation (reading, research, sketches, etc.), fulfillment of assignment criteria, presentation of work on assigned date and participating in group critiques. Please complete all readings by the assigned date and be prepared to discuss the material. Finished work must be installed and presented in a professional manner on the assigned critique day. Installation and any necessary repairs/touch ups must be completed before the start of class.

REQUIRED TEXT

Ceramics: The Indispensable Guide

Duncan Hooson & Anthony Quinn
ISBN 978-1-77085-930-2

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

- **The Ceramics Design Course**, Anthony Quinn
- **The Complete Guide to Mid-range Glazes**, by John Britt
- **Ten Thousand Years of Pottery**, by Emmanuel Cooper
- **New Wave Clay**, by Tom Morris
- **The Ceramic Process**, by Anton Reijnders
- **Glaze**, by Kate Doody and Brian Taylor
- **Functional Pottery**, by Robin Hopper
- **Ceramic Spectrum**, by Robin Hopper

Required Materials and Tools

Clay

Laguna B-Mix clay will be used for this class. We will use a minimum of 4 bags of clay in this course. Clay is \$16 per 25 lb. bag.

This clay can be purchased through me during class time, through Derek during posted hours outside of our class time, or through the SA+AH Office at posted signs only with a CHECK OR MONEY ORDER. There is a form to fill out and bring with you. Once paid, bring the receipt to me or to an available grad student for the clay.

Glaze materials including, slips, wax resist, stains, patinas and pyrometric cones are covered by the course materials fee. The plaster, decals and special materials are sold separately and can be purchased by the pound through the bookstore with the same form as for clay.

I will collect receipts during the second class meeting.

Additional clay will be available during class and can be purchased from our Teaching Lab Specialist, Derek Reever during scheduled hours posted on his office door as well as available grad students. Please arrange to pick up your clay during these hours. It is suggested that you keep any additional clay locked in your locker and that you recycle your used clay for future use (after training).

Not having clay to work with will result in an unexcused absence. We cannot accept IOU's.

Required Tools

Kemper Pro Needle Tool - <https://www.baileypottery.com/c-090-110.html>

Fettling Knife - <https://www.baileypottery.com/c-126-104.html>

Kemper S4 Metal Scraper Rib - <https://www.baileypottery.com/c-090-017.html>

Kemper S10 Metal Scraper Rib - Serrated - <https://www.baileypottery.com/c-090-020.html>

Kemper D2 Wire and Wood Tool - <https://www.baileypottery.com/c-090-044.html>

Mud Tool Red Rib - <https://www.baileypottery.com/c-095-r1.html>

Mudsp sponge, Orange Most Absorbent - <https://www.baileypottery.com/c-095-spo.html>

Mud Tools Shredder Rasp - <https://www.amazon.com/Mudtools-Shredder-Ceramics-Artists-Pottery/dp/B0773G98GX>

Sherrill Mud Heavy Duty Mudwire - <https://www.baileypottery.com/c-095-hdmw.html>

Modeling Tools - https://www.amazon.com/Zuoyou-Pottery-Sculpting-Sculpture-Modelling/dp/B07QCWY59J/ref=sr_1_17?dchild=1&keywords=loop+tool&qid=1629153047&s=arts-crafts&sr=1-17

Haake 3 Piece Brush Set - https://www.amazon.com/Brushes-Painting-Bristles-Watercolor-Ceramic/dp/B08TTJ2BYT/ref=sr_1_7?dchild=1&keywords=hake+brush+set&qid=1629152731&s=arts-crafts&sr=1-7

Lazy Susan/Banding Wheel - https://www.amazon.com/Kootek-Aluminium-Revolving-Turntable-Decorating/dp/B07Z7XMQP4/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=turntable+for+crafts&qid=1629153622&sr=8-2 (RECOMMENDED, not required)

Xacto

Ruler

Small Paintbrushes

Spray Bottle

Plastic Bucket – 1 or 1/2 gallon

Towel

Apron

Sketchbook

Painter's Plastic or kitchen trash bags

Yogurt container or something to store all your tools in

Lockers

Please sign up for a locker to be used to store tools and personal belongings on the first day of class. Lockers must be cleaned out and locks removed by the end of finals week, or the contents will be considered abandoned. If you are returning please note this on the door of the locker and your belongings will not be disturbed.

Firing

Work will be bisque-fired in class kilns. All students will coordinate with the instructor and/or kiln room technical assistant to load, fire, unload, and clean up after class kilns, and are expected to take turns in helping as part of the participation grade. If you miss a class firing, be aware that your work may not be done in time for the final critique, which will affect your final grade.

Students will work in firing teams (with faculty or tech supervision) to fire the bisque and gas glaze kilns. This will involve working outside of class time. Please consult with me and/or Derek for help facilitating this. We are happy to help and usually know who else is doing similar firings.

Attendance Policy

Absences count from the, first, class meeting. Students who do not attend at least one of the first two class meetings of a course in which they are registered, and who have not contacted the department to indicate their intent, will be dropped from the course.

Excused absences are not given (except those pertaining to COVID-19). Demonstrations, discussions, presentations and other group activities take place during class time that are impossible to recapture and are not repeated for those absent. In case of an absence meet with your peers for notes on missed activities.

- Attendance affects your grade. Students have 2 absences without penalty
- Absence 3, 4, and 5 deduct 50 Pts. or 5% of your overall grade for each absence.

A 6th absence earns grade of WF.

- If you miss more than 30 minutes of class you will be counted absent.
- Three later arrivals equal one absence.
- Missing class on the day of a critique is the equivalent of missing a test.

Evaluation

	Grading Percentages
15%	Project 1: Contemporary Cup Collections
20%	Project 2: Lidded Containers
20%	Project 3: Emotive Objects
20%	Project 4: Curio/Oddity
10%	Classroom Participation (discussion, critiques, use of work time, attendance, etc.) as well as Shop activities (clean up loading, unloading and firing kilns)
10%	Quizzes
5%	Sketchbook reading notes

A = excellent, distinguished use of concepts, materials, and execution

B = good use of concepts, materials, execution

C = average

D = marginal

F = unacceptable, failure. No credit.

A+	100%-97	B+	89%-87	C+	79%-77	D+	69%-67	F	0
A	96-94	B	86-84	C	76-74	D	66-64		
A-	93-90	B-	83-80	C-	73-70	D-	63-60		

UF online information about undergraduate grading:

<http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html>

Studio Storage and Clean Up

Please leave the studio clean. Regardless of the condition you find it in, you are requested to leave it clean for the next person. Leave the work tables clear and clean. This also impacts your participation grade. This is a group studio, and we all need to pitch in to keep it a safe and healthy functioning work environment.

Each student is responsible for ensuring that his/her projects and materials are safely stored, displayed, installed, and removed from the classroom and critique space. Projects must be set up and removed from the critique space at the times and spaces designated for each project.

The instructor, the School of Art and Art History, and the Ceramics Area are not responsible for student work left in workspaces, installation spaces, the critique space, the shops, or the classrooms. Projects/materials are not to be stored in the group working space.

Please address any concerns, problems, and questions regarding this class to the instructor as they arise. The instructor is available during office hours, and by making an appointment for a special meeting time.

Studio Stewardship and Safety

Your studio stewardship is a way to contribute to the area by taking pride in not only your work, but in SA+AH itself. Students should always clean the table and floor in their work areas and return tools and materials to the proper place at the end of each work session.

Always be knolling! The best rule of thumb, **leave everything you touched clean & organized.**

Door Codes and Access to Studios

FAC is open:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studios are open 24/7 except for closure 5-6 a.m. for cleaning • Your code is 752. Please, for everyone's comfort and safety, do not share the code with anyone. Codes will be changed. • FAC is unlocked the hours shown left. When FAC is locked, you will need your Gator1 card in the card swipe outside of Sculpture (opposite end of the building from Ceramics, parking lot level. • For the safety of everyone, please DO NOT PROP DOORS OPEN WHEN THE BUILDING IS LOCKED.
M-F 7:00am -10:00pm	
SAT 1:00pm – 10:00pm	
SUN 2:00pm – 10:00pm	

Health and Safety Specific Area information for Ceramics:

Area Rules:

- Mask that snugly covers nose and mouth must be worn at all times anywhere in the building
- Follow all SA+AH Health and Safety handbook guidelines.
- Alcohol is forbidden in studios.
- No smoking on campus.
- No eating or drinking in the glaze or mixing areas
- Shoes – closed toes - must be worn at all times
- It is recommended that protective equipment be worn at all times: safety glasses when grinding, chipping shelves, etc., protective lenses for kiln viewing, gloves for hot objects, heat resistant aprons for raku, ear protection for grinding and sawing, rubber gloves for mixing hazardous materials

- Do not block aisles, halls, doors
- Do not park bikes in the building
- Clean up spills immediately
- Scoop up dry materials, mop up liquids, do not replace spilled materials in original source if spilled for they are contaminated
- Carry heavy and large trash bags loaded with trash to dumpster
- **Place materials containing Barium and Chrome in the hazardous waste disposal area**
- Do not sweep for this puts hazardous materials into the air; rather scrape up chunks and wet-clean area.
- Use of spaces is for students only – no visitors

Any questions about Health and Safety? ASK FIRST before doing.

UF Visiting Artist Series

The talks will be virtual and online this semester. The public is forbidden to tape or repost the talks online. UF will tape lectures with the permission of individual speakers and some of the talks will be available in the future but students should plan to watch them live and in real time.

Ben Vautier, Time TBA, Tuesday, September 14th, Virtual Talk: Zoom <http://www.ben-vautier.com/>
<https://eva-vautier.com/en/art/ben-vautier/>

Philip Corner, Time TBA, Tuesday, September 21st, Virtual Talk: Zoom
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philip_Corner <https://toneglow.substack.com/p/0298-philip-corner>

Ken Friedman, 6:15PM, Tuesday, September 28th, Virtual Talk: Zoom
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ken_Friedman https://monoskop.org/Ken_Friedman

Zach Blas, 6:15PM, Tuesday, October 12th <https://zachblas.info/>

Glexis Novoa, 6:15PM, Tuesday, October 26th <http://glexisnovoa.com/>

Michael Mandiberg, 6:15PM, Tuesday, November 9th <https://www.mandiberg.com/>

University Policies

COVID-19

In response to COVID-19, the following practices are in place to maintain your learning environment, to enhance the safety of our in-classroom interactions, and to further the health and safety of ourselves, our neighbors, and our loved ones.

- **If you are not vaccinated, get vaccinated.** Vaccines are readily available at no cost and have been demonstrated to be safe and effective against the COVID-19 virus. Visit this link for details on where to get your shot, including options that do not require an appointment: <https://coronavirus.ufhealth.org/vaccinations/vaccine-availability/>. Students who receive the first dose of the vaccine somewhere off-campus and/or outside of Gainesville can still receive their second dose on campus.
- **You are expected to wear approved face coverings at all times during class and within buildings even if you are vaccinated.** Please continue to follow healthy habits, including best practices like frequent hand washing. Following these practices is our responsibility as Gators.
 - Sanitizing supplies are available in the classroom if you wish to wipe down your desks prior to sitting down and at the end of the class.
 - Hand sanitizing stations will be located in every classroom.
- **If you are sick, stay home and self-quarantine.** Please visit the UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website about next steps, retake the questionnaire and schedule your test for no sooner than 24 hours after your symptoms began. Please call your primary care provider if you are ill and need

immediate care or the UF Student Health Care Center at 352-392-1161 (or email covid@shcc.ufl.edu) to be evaluated for testing and to receive further instructions about returning to campus. UF Health Screen, Test & Protect offers guidance when you are sick, have been exposed to someone who has tested positive or have tested positive yourself. Visit the [UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website](#) for more information.

- Course materials will be provided to you with an excused absence, and you will be given a reasonable amount of time to make up work.
 - If you are withheld from campus by the Department of Health through Screen, Test & Protect you are not permitted to use any on campus facilities. Students attempting to attend campus activities when withheld from campus will be referred to the Dean of Students Office.
- Continue to regularly visit coronavirus.UFHealth.org and coronavirus.ufl.edu for up-to-date information about COVID-19 and vaccination.

Students with disabilities

I will make every attempt to accommodate students with disabilities. At the same time, anyone requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide you with the necessary documentation, which you must then provide to me when requesting accommodation.

Students with disabilities **requesting accommodations** should first register with the Disability Resource Center, 352-392-8565, <https://disability.ufl.edu>

by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

Other Policies

The university's policies regarding academic honesty, the honor code, and student conduct related to the honor code will be strictly enforced. Full information regarding these policies is available at the following links:

- Academic Honesty: <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/students.html#honesty>
- Honor Code: <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/honorcodes/honorcode.php>
- Student Conduct: <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/honorcodes/conductcode.php>

Classroom Demeanor

"Students in the School of Art and Art History will not be permitted to have beepers (pagers) and cell phones turned on in the classroom. If such a device beeps, chimes, rings, or makes any type noise, it must be turned off before entering the classroom".

Disruptive Behavior

Faculty, students, administrative, and professional staff members, and other employees (herein referred to as "member(s)" of the university), who intentionally act to impair, interfere with, or obstruct the mission, purposes, order, operations, processes, and functions of the university shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action by University authorities for misconduct, as set forth in the applicable rules of the Board of Regents and the University and state law governing such actions. A detailed list of disruptive conduct may be found at: <http://www.aa.ufl.edu/aa/Rules/1008.htm>. Be advised that a student can and will be dismissed from class if he/she engages in disruptive behavior.

Academic Honesty

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by

abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (sccr.dso.ufl.edu/process/student-conduct-code/) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

Counseling Services

The Counseling Center provides counseling and consultation services to currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students and their spouses/partners. The Center offers brief counseling and therapy to help students confront personal, academic, and career concerns. The primary goal of counseling is to help students develop the personal awareness and skills necessary to overcome problems and to grow and develop in ways that will allow them to take advantage of the educational opportunities at the university. Counseling Center web site: <http://www.counsel.ufl.edu>

The Counseling Center is located at:

P301 Peabody Hall

(352) 392-1575

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 5 pm

Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care: If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-392-1575, or visit umatter.ufl.edu/ to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.

Counseling and Wellness Center: Visit counseling.ufl.edu/ or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.

Student Health Care Center: Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need or visit shcc.ufl.edu/.

University Police Department: Visit police.ufl.edu/ or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).

UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center: For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, ufhealth.org/emergency-room-trauma-center.

Academic Resources

E-learning technical support: Contact the [UF Computing Help Desk](http://ufcomputing.com) at 352-392-4357 or

via e-mail at helpdesk@ufl.edu.

Career Connections Center: Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance

and counseling services career.ufl.edu/.

Library Support: cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask various ways to receive assistance with respect to

using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center: Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352-

392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. teachingcenter.ufl.edu/

Writing Studio: 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting,

and writing papers. writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/

Student Complaints On-Campus: sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/

On-line Course Evaluation:

I appreciate your feedback and it is essential to the academic process. Please take a few minutes towards the end of the semester to give input.

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>

Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via ufl.bluera.com/ufl/. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/.

Critical Dates on the university calendar may be viewed at –

<http://www.reg.ufl.edu/dates-critical.html>

Calendar

The class calendar will be kept on Canvas. Be sure to check it at least a couple times a week as it is subject to change.

Project 1 Critique – 9/27

Project 2 Critique – 10/18

Project 3 Critique - 11/8

Project 4 Critique – 12/6