

Ceramic Figure Sculpture

Art 2704C, Section 2313

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Credit Hours - 03

Course Syllabus Acknowledgement

By signing this form and continuing participation in this course you acknowledge that you have read and understand the policies contained in the course syllabus. In addition, you agree that you have read and understand attendance requirements and grading policies, and are aware of the 'Guidelines for use of University Facilities and Grounds for Making and Exhibiting Design' (A copy of these guidelines is posted in the School of Art + Art History Office.)

Name: (print) _____

Signature: _____

Email: _____

Student Information

Phone Number _____ Health Concerns _____

College, _____
Year _____ Major _____

Reason for taking this course?

Favorite artist?

Prior experiences with ceramics?

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IMPORTANT: It is expected that you read *Welcome to UF Ceramics* for an orientation to the UF Ceramics studios. I will send this as a separate PDF file through the class list serve.



Syllabus

Course Description:

This course is a perceptually based introduction to figure sculpture using fired clay as the medium. The class will study the human form through life modeling with options for its representation in three dimensions. An orientation to building, surfacing, and firing ceramics and processes of hand-forming clay including: pinching, coil-building, slab building, modeling, and carving will be introduced. The class format will include PowerPoint image and video presentations, two life model sequences, demonstrations, critiques, and team firings. The course focuses on three themes: the “perceptual”, the “gestural”, and the “interpretive”. Group “lab work,” loading, firing, and unloading class kiln firings is required and integrated into the structure of the course.

Course Goals:

1. The course is designed to teach ceramic figure sculpting techniques including the fundamentals of modeling, carving, coil, pinch, and slab building.
2. Students will be taught technical skills including: the forming techniques (listed above), glaze application and firing techniques for ceramic sculpture.
3. Students will enhance their perceptual skills through modeling from a life model and from life casts.
4. The course will provide experiences with contemporary concepts in ceramic figure sculpture.
5. The course presents opportunities to analyze, discuss and critique ceramic figure sculpture and the concepts being conveyed through this genre.

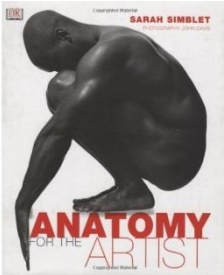
Textbooks:

(1) *Portrait Sculpting: Anatomy and Expressions in Clay* (Required)



Author: Philippe and Charisse Farault, Publisher: PCF Studios, Inc., 2004, Edition: 1, ISBN: [0975506501](#). New Retail Price: \$54.95 Used Retail Price: \$41.25. Available at the UF Bookstore. Note: The UF Bookstore had problems with the publisher since PCF is a private studio and the sole publisher for this book. If you do not find the book at Fowlett's please order the book on-line from PCF Studios.

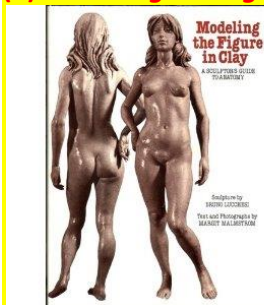
(2) *Anatomy for the Artist*, (Recommended)



Author Sarah Simblet, Publisher: DK Publishing, Edition: Copyright, ISBN: [9780789480453](#). New Retail Price: \$40.00 Used Retail Price: \$30.00 New Rental Fee: \$26.00 Used Rental Fee: \$19.20. Available at the UF Bookstore.

This is an excellent anatomy book, one that will be very helpful to you thus highly recommended for the class.

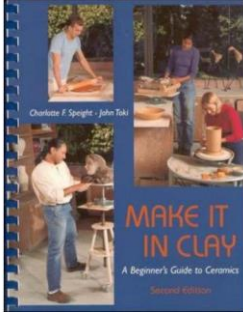
(3) *Modeling the Figure in Clay*, (Recommended)



Author Bruno Luchessi. Available, on reserve for this course in the FAA Library. It is strongly suggested that you review this book prior to beginning the figure modeling projects.

Required reading:

Chapter 5 of *Make it in Clay*,



Authors: Toki and Speight. This chapter presents an overview of construction techniques applicable to your projects. This book will be placed on room reserve in the FAA Library.

Additional resources on ceramic techniques:

The following books have been placed on room reserve under the course number in the Fine Art and Architecture Library.

The Craft and Art of Clay, Author Susan Peterson ; an excellent text for information for building and glaze techniques).

Hands in Clay, Author Charlotte Speight; an excellent text for information for building and glaze techniques.

Ceramic Figures: A Directory of Artists, author Michael Flynn, Rutgers Press is an excellent overview of international contemporary ceramic sculptors who work with the human figure.

Modeling the Head in Clay, by Bruno Lucchesi

Videotapes –

Two videos will be used as informational resources in the classroom: ***Sculpting the Portrait: Male Head in Terra Cotta***, and ***Sculpting the Reclining Figure***. Both films document the methods used by sculptor Bruno Lucchesi.

Online:

<http://www.posespace.com> Site offers 360 degree images of models in a vast array of poses. You can sign up for free.

Periodicals –

American Ceramics, Ceramics Art and Perception, Sculpture, Ceramics Monthly, Studio Potter, Ceramics: Technical. All of the following magazines have very interesting ideas and information pertaining to sculpture.

Online visual resources-

www.ArtAxis.org, Access Ceramics: http://accessceramics.org/index.php?state=result_set&field=artist&field_id=21, Ceramic Database: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/gusstiffpottery/sets/72157600047044355/>

General Information:

The course work for this class will consist of **3 projects** supported by assigned readings, web and library research. Maquettes are required for each project.

This course is fast paced so please plan ahead! I strongly suggest that you read all project statements at

the beginning of the semester. The entire course is presented during our first meeting so that you can begin thinking about the ideas you wish to undertake for each of the projects.

Attendance Policy:

Plan to arrive promptly at 3:00 pm and set up to begin working. Attendance will be taken right at the beginning of each class; lateness will be noted and will affect your grade. **If you arrive 10 minutes after class begins you will be considered late.** Early departures are not permitted. If you need to leave class early please inform me and offer a reason for an early departure. Otherwise not attending class for the full time will be noted and will adversely affect your participation grade.

Tardiness, leaving early and absences will result in a grade reduction. **Three late arrivals/departures will equal one absence. After the third absence, your participation/energy grade will be lowered one full letter grade.**

Class attendance is central to the learning process and to your success in the course. It is expected that you will attend regularly and be punctual. Everyone will value this courtesy to the group. During many classes we will be working from a life model and this time is very valuable and cannot be replaced. In addition, group demonstrations and lectures, roving critiques, individual tutorials, and discussions will be scheduled for most class periods. Students who are absent due to illness should contact me via email as and if possible bring me a doctor's note.

UF's attendance rules state: The university recognizes the right of the individual professor to make attendance mandatory. After due warning, professors may prohibit further attendance and subsequently assign a failing grade for excessive absences. Students are responsible for satisfying all academic objectives as defined by the instructor. Students who do not attend at least one of the first two class meetings of a course or laboratory in which they are registered, and who have not contacted the department to indicate their intent, may be dropped from the course.

Course Structure (Methods of Instruction):

This class meets twice a week for a period of 3 hours each session. It encompasses studio work time, brief instructional lectures and demonstrations, individual tutorials, group discussions of assigned reading and group critiques. Preparation, active use of in class studio sessions, and full participation in firings and lab work is required. Your total performance is reflected in your final grade.

Ceramics is an exacting endeavor. Success in working with clay is skill based on and can be mastered through regular practice. The ceramic process is one which cannot be rushed or neglected without consequences. Sculptural clay works often require an indirect process, where pre-planning the project is the first step in making a successful art work. Information will be given during specified class periods to show a variety of techniques.

Methods of Grading:

Project grades will evaluate: craftsmanship/execution, design/individuality, concept/expression, technical difficulty, research and planning (library and web research, maquettes), form development, modeling style, and completeness of presentation. Your individual development in the technical areas: research skills and firing skills will be evaluated. Your consistency, persistence and participation in critiques will be recorded.

Cumulative grades will be an evaluation of the following criteria; project grades, conceptual development, research, glaze testing, firing competency and participation/energy, pre-planning (maquettes and sketches). The timely completion of all aspects of assigned projects will be very much a part of your grade. If you do not make the deadlines for any part of the assignment you will accrue late grades and limit the possibility of receiving an excellent grade.

Professional artists you will not have the luxury of missing an established deadline for a gallery or museum exhibition or any professional commitment. As young professionals you are being groomed to succeed; meeting deadlines is a success principle.

You are responsible for completing **3** projects (resulting in four sculptures and supporting maquettes) along with required supplementary glaze testing. **It is your responsibility to manage the controlled drying of each project to meet set class deadlines for bisque and glaze kilns.**

In addition to specific criteria defined by individual project goals, all projects will be graded on their success in the following areas: concept development, use of design decisions to support your concepts, craftsmanship, and meeting deadlines for building, firing and critique. As previously mentioned, a sketchbook is required for recording notes and ideas. All work must be finished within the specified deadlines.

Concept / Idea: This pertains to the ability to discover and define design problems and issues in a clear and consistent language.

Solution: This pertains to the quality of your Visual and Conceptual Solution. Factors such as composition, inventiveness, originality, layout and **craft will be considered in grading.**

Class work: You are required to keep all information related to this class in your sketch book and should photocopy the pages to create a presentation for the process of each project. Quantity (yes, sometimes over quality) and innovation are important factors. The more you do, the better your design will be and the more skilled you will become.

Craft: I will not accept work that does not meet the required presentation standards (which are listed on each individual project sheet). Also important in considering project grades: Failure to meet deadlines will result in a zero. For situations that are called to my attention in advance, something can be arranged. You should always plan ahead.

Grades will also be influenced by the following criteria: evolution from proposal to finished work, aesthetic concerns, and adherence to assignments, craftsmanship, skill development, conceptual rigor, experimentation, inventiveness, risk-taking, personal investment, and critical discussions.

LATE WORK:

All projects must be completed on time to receive full credit. Specific due dates are stated on the class calendar posted in the classroom and on the class blog. Failure to complete any project on time will result in a drop of one full letter grade

The ceramic process requires that green ware be completely fabricated and detailed, then dried for an average of 7 – 10 days, depending upon scale and complexity. Please finish building all wet work on time for green ware due dates and manage the careful drying of your work so that you can meet all deadlines. Clay requires your regular attention to achieve good results. It cannot be rushed or neglected.

You must have work finished and installed before the start of class on critique days or your work will not be critiqued and your project grade will be lowered. It is the student's responsibility to turn in all work on time. Full participation by showing completed work during all critiques is required along with active participation through shared ideas and commentary.

A semester **grade of incomplete** will not be given for late work unless there is an excused absence involved. To be approved for an incomplete:

1. Students must have completed the major portion of the class with a passing grade of C or better.
2. The student is unable to complete course requirements because of documented circumstances beyond his or her control.
3. The student and instructor have discussed the situation prior to the final critique (except under Emergency conditions).

4. The student will fill out the College of Fine Arts incomplete grade contract, which will be signed by the instructor and the chair and will detail the work to be completed and the date by which this must be done .

Grades

85%	3 studio projects (including research, preparatory reading and maquettes (Project #1 is 25 % , Project #2 is 30%, Project #3 is 30%))
5%	Glaze testing requirement (5%)
5%	Participation in kiln loading, firing, and unloading
5%	Participation and contributions to group critiques

Please keep in mind that an outstanding student attends class regularly, is on time, keeps the course work schedule, participates, fully in kiln firing activities as well as producing great art work. Attendance will be considered into your grade with more than three absences resulting in a grade drop.

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>

GRADING FORMAT:

A = 100 – 90: Excellent work, work meets the requirements and goes above and beyond expectations.

B = 89 – 80: Work meets all requirements to a high degree, and is presented in a meaningful fashion.

*C = 79 – 70: Work is average, meets all requirements minimally, presentation is “satisfactory.”

*D = 69 – 60: Work is below average, concepts are missing or not fulfilled, presentation lacks quality.

*F = 59 – 50: “F” Work receives a failing grade, unacceptable and insufficient work.

***Please Note: a grade of C- or below (72 or less) will not count toward major requirements.**

Grade Values for Conversion

Letter Grade	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E, I, NG, S- U, WF
Grade	4.	3.6	3.3	3.0	2.6	2.3	2.0	1.6	1.3	1.0	.6	0.0
Points	0	7	3	0	7	3	0	7	3	0	7	0

Clay and Glaze Materials:

The clays we are using in this course can be purchased through Ceramics by paying for tickets at UF's Fowlett's Bookstore. Resolute Terra Cotta is \$11.50 for 25 lbs (one blue clay ticket), Nan's Sculpture Clay is \$11.50 for 25 lbs. (one blue clay ticket). Glaze materials including, slips, wax resist, stains, patinas and pyrometric costs are covered by one materials fee. The payment of a one-time materials fee of \$45.00 is to be made during the first week of classes at Fowlett's Bookstore. The plaster and other mold making materials (alja-safe – you are entitled to 1 lb. through the fees for this class) are sold separately and can be purchased by the pound through the bookstore.

I will collect tickets during the second class meeting and dispense clay to you to start the first project. Additional clay will be available during class and can be gotten from our Ceramics tech, Derek Reeverts during scheduled hours posted on his office door. Please arrange to pick up your clay during these hours. It is suggested that you keep any additional clay (3 logs) locked in your locker and that you recycle your used clay for future use. Please ask me if you do not know how to recondition your clay so that you can use it again.

Supplies:

The new art supply store in town is soMAart HUB. Try there for tools first. Other suppliers can be found on: <http://1drv.ms/1kvdgtZ>

The Basics:

Bound sketchbook, plasticine for maquettes (optional but good for certain designs), serrated metal rib and serrated wooden modeling tool, clay shapers, trimming tool, calipers, light plastic (launderers' plastic, or light weight plastic drop cloth), misting bottle, small bucket, cut-off wire, needle tool, fork (or other scoring tool), small sponge, clean up sponge, fabric (uncoated canvas or cotton polyester blend, or muslin (try Goodwill for remnant or old bed sheets), small container for slip, brushes for finishing and decorating, sur-form rasp, exacto knife, blow dryer, and * **turntable or lazy-susan as work surface (Home Depot or Lowes)**. * **Cover with 2' x 2' piece of 3/4" sealed plywood (required)**.

Specialty Tools (are needed and can be ordered on-line):

1. Kemper Ribbon Sculpting tools (set of 6), available thru Laguna/Axner's in Florida – **1-800-843-7057**, approximately \$8.99

2. **Special sculpture tool via EUCLID's. WE CAN PLACE A CLASS ORDER IF YOU WISH AND SAVE ON SHIPPING. THEY ARE NOW CARRYING A VARIETY OF STAINLESS STEEL SCULPTURE TOOLS. THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN CLASS.** <http://www.euclids.com/SStools2.htm>

1-800-296-5456

3. Michael Sherrill red rib, SMT-R1, \$6.00 (also suggest yellow rib same price)

<http://www.highwaterclays.com/handtools/cooltools2.html#smt>

As required for individual projects:

1. Algi-safe (\$11.88/ 1lb.from Your Clay Store),
2. Moulding plaster (\$.46 / 1lb. from Your Clay Store),
3. Amaco Underglazes – Creative Ceramics in Ocala, website: creativeceramics@embarqmail.com or 352-237-3562
4. Duncan or Mayco Underglazes, vintage decals – Frazier Ceramics in Gainesville, 372-1506

If you would like to order through a Ceramic materials vendor please feel free to contact: Bennett Pottery Supply (1-800-432-0074), or Axner/Laguna Clay Company (1-800-843-7057).

Health and Safety:

Please wear shoes and proper attire, tie back hair and loose clothing when working around shop equipment.

The ceramics program recommends that you wear a respirator when mixing clay and glaze materials and applying glaze with a spray gun. Fowlett's Bookstore has ordered N95 Filtering Face piece Respirators. They are also available at CVS and Wall Green's. Tight fitting respirators can be ordered from Grainger's or a similar lab safety supply company. > **consider this as an investment if you are a Ceramics major.**

The link for information regarding the SA+AH H&S policy and handbook on health and safety is: <http://www.arts.ufl.edu/art/healthandsafety>

2) Each student must complete a H&S STUDENT WAIVER FORM (available next to the copier in the SAAH office) and on-line (see address above). Waivers must be turned into the SAAH Director of Operations before the end of the 2nd week of classes. Please staple the course sheets together.

University of Florida Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) has determined that the use of respiratory protection is not required for projects and activities typically performed in the School of Art + Art History. It is against the School of Art + Art History policy for any instructor to require students to wear respiratory protection however, you may recommend it, and you may voluntarily choose to wear respiratory protection: either an N95 filtering face piece, commonly known as a dust mask, or a tight fitting half or full-face respirator. Any user who chooses to wear such respiratory protection is therefore said to be a voluntary user. Environmental Health and Safety follows or exceeds OSHA 29CFR1910.132-137 standards for Personal Protective Equipment. Any voluntary user: student, faculty, or staff is required to follow all Environmental Health and Safety policy which can be found at: <http://www.ehs.ufl.edu/General/resppol.pdf>.

For simplicity, the regulations are outlined below. You must follow each step in order:

1. I want to wear an N95 dust mask. a. Complete "Request for Respirator Use" form (<http://www.ehs.ufl.edu/OCCMED/respreq.pdf>).

Mail to: Environmental Health & Safety
attn: OCCMED
PO Box 112195
Gainesville, FL 32611

b. Complete "Medical History Questionnaire for N95 Filtering Face piece Respirators" form (<http://www.ehs.ufl.edu/OCCMED/N95.pdf>) and "UF Voluntary Use Respirator Supplementary Information Memo" (Below) Mail to:

SHCC OCCMED

Box 100148
Gainesville, FL 32611

c. Include Payment: i. There is a \$5 charge for the review and processing of this form. 1. Graduate student payment options: a. Enclose a \$5 check with drivers license number written on the check
b. Bill to Gator Grad Care by filling out enclosed UF Graduate Student Voluntary Use Respirator Payment Memo

2. Undergraduates must make payment in person. Go to:

Health Science Center
Dental tower, second floor Room D2-49
On the corner of Archer Road and center drive
West entrance
ii. Contact SHCC OCCMED at 352.392.0627 with questions.

Health and Safety

Specific Area information for Ceramics

Area Rules:

- Follow all SA+AH Health and Safety handbook guidelines.
- Alcohol is forbidden in studios.
- No smoking in the building or within 50 feet of any entrance.
- No eating or drinking in the glaze or mixing areas.
- Shoes 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 bring children or pets into the studios
- Do not store things on the floor
- 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.

Lockers:

Please sign up for a locker to be used to store tools and personal belongings. The list is adjacent to Room B-14. 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.

Studio Courtesy: Please leave the studio clean. Regardless of the condition you find it in, we request that you leave it clean for the next person. Remember to place all work in progress on the storage shelves. Leave the work tables clear and clean. *This is a group studio, and we all need to pitch in to keep it a safe and healthy functioning work environment.*

Studio etc.:

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 Department 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.

Always be open-minded when considering new ideas and constructive criticism. Critique ideas; not people.

The SAAH studios like science labs on campus are designated for student use. Please be advised that visitors are not permitted without approval. The SAAH has an official policy for those not currently taking classes. The following form is required for access.

LAB & STUDIO ACCESS AGREEMENT FORM

Laboratory and studio spaces in the School of Art and Art History are for educational and research purposes. Use of these spaces is intended for currently enrolled students, faculty and staff only. Occasionally, access may be granted to non-enrolled students, faculty or staff on a case by case situation. Permission is granted through the use of this form.

Laboratories and studios are managed and maintained by each SA+AH Area, therefore permission is granted by the Area Head or Teaching Lab Specialist for that lab/studio. If granted permission, all persons using an SA+AH lab/studio must adhere to the policies, procedures and safety measures established in the SA+AH Health and Safety Handbook (www.arts.ufl.edu/art/healthandsafety.com) as well any further instructions given by area Teaching Lab Specialists. Access may be revoked at the discretion of the Area Head, Teaching Lab Specialist, or SA+AH Director, at any time, for any reason, particularly for failure to adhere to verbal or written instructions.

The SA+AH maintains laboratories and studios in art+ technology, ceramics, creative photography, drawing, graphic design, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Access to one lab or studio does not grant access to any other facility within the SA+AH.

Applicant

Name:

Purpose for Access:

Address:

Phone &

Email:

Laboratory/Studio: _____

Dates of Access:

Signature: _____ (date)

I agree to adhere to all SA+AH policies and procedures for the lab/studio for which I am granted access.

Area Head/Teaching Lab Specialist

Name:

Signature : _____ (date)

Each Area Head or Teaching Lab Specialist that grants permission for voluntary use will keep a file of signed agreement forms.

University Policies:

Philosophy: The University of Florida is an institution which encourages the intellectual and personal growth of its students as scholars and citizens. As an educational institution, the University recognizes that the transmission of knowledge, the pursuit of truth, and the development of individuals requires the free exchange of ideas, self-expression, and the challenging of beliefs and customs. In order to maintain an environment where these goals can be achieved safely and equitably, the University promotes civility, respect and integrity among all members of the community. As stated in the Standard of Ethical Conduct, students are expected to exhibit high standards of behavior and concern for others.

Academic Honesty: As a result of completing the registration form at the University of Florida, every student has signed the following statement: "I understand that the University of Florida expects its students to be honest in all of their academic endeavors and understand that my failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the University. Detailed Academic Honesty Guidelines may be found at: <http://www.aa.ufl.edu/aa/Rules/4017.htm> Cheating and illegal use of copyrighted material is not tolerated.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR 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.

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The Dean of Students Office can be contacted at: 352-392-1261. Information is also available on their website, at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drp>. Please speak with the instructor about any concerns.

OTHER GUIDELINES: The instructor, the School of Art and Art History, and the Ceramics Department 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. 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.

Students must check their school email accounts regularly. Students are responsible for any information, deadlines, and updates emailed to their webmail accounts.

Students should check with the instructor or another student outside of class time when they miss a class (prior to missing the class if possible), as in- and out-of-class exercises are spontaneously assigned. Students should bring a doctor's note for any class from which they expect to be excused.

Please address any concerns, problems, and questions regarding this class to the instructor as they arise. Outside class, the instructor is available during office hours, by making an appointment for another time, or through email. Students can expect a response to email within 24 hours.

Always be open-minded when considering new ideas and constructive criticism. Critique ideas; not people. No side conversations during presentations or critiques.

Do not use cell phones or iPads (or other headphones) during class time. No text messaging. Also please turn cell phones off or ringers off during class time. Please do this before you arrive to class.

Disruptive Behavior: Be advised that you can and will be dismissed from class if you engage in disruptive behavior. Students 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 conducts and actions may be found at <http://www.aa.ufl.edu/aa/Rules/1008.htm>

Counseling Services: Resources are available on campus for students experiencing personal problems or lacking clear career and academic goals, which interfere with their academic performance. You can find out more about counseling services here: <http://www.counsel.ufl.edu>

University Counseling Services/ Counseling Center

301 Peabody Hall

P.O. Box 114100, University of Florida

Gainesville, FL 32611-4100

Phone: 352-392-1575

Web: www.counsel.ufl.edu

Critical Dates on the university calendar may be viewed at –
<http://www.reg.ufl.edu/dates-critical.html>

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CALENDAR

**note: all kiln firings are subject to kiln availability and overall scheduling for all classes*

<p>Week 1 Tuesday August 25</p>	<p>Classes begin; Intro and Course Overview (image presentation of the state of ceramic figure sculpture today, tools, books) Set Up Studio (lockers, cubbies), Assign Project #1, Bring container for casting hand(s) or foot (feet)</p>
<p>Thursday August 27</p>	<p>Demo casting with Alja-safe, Work Day – create Alja-safe castings <input type="checkbox"/> <i>HOMEWORK: Reading on Ceramic techniques Chapter 5 of Make it in Clay</i></p>
<p>Week 2 Tuesday September 1</p>	<p>Building Demo, Work Day- Cut away Alja-safe waste molds, Seal molds with superseal or fixative <input type="checkbox"/> <i>HOMEWORK: Reading on Ceramic techniques Chapter 5 of Make it in Clay</i></p>
<p>Thursday September 3</p>	<p>Critique of Maquettes, Demo: test tiles (Yixing mallet, slab roller), Workday – Begin building Perceptual Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> <i>HOMEWORK: Make 25 test tiles for the semester's glaze testing</i></p>
<p>Week 3 Tuesday September 8</p>	<p>Workday- Build Hand/Foot, Tutorials with Nan <input type="checkbox"/> <i>HOMEWORK: Continue building sculpture, dry test tiles</i></p>
<p>Thursday September 10</p>	<p>Demo: kiln loading, cone packs, load test tiles (plan firing), Workday <input type="checkbox"/> <i>HOMEWORK: Continue building sculpture, Fire and unload kiln</i></p>
<p>Friday September 11 </p>	<p>Firing team fire test tiles</p>
<p>Sunday September 13 </p>	<p>Firing team unload test tiles</p>
<p>Week 4 Tuesday September 15</p>	<p>Workday <input type="checkbox"/> <i>HOMEWORK: Continue building sculpture</i></p>
<p>Thursday September 17</p>	<p>Demo: Hollowing Sculpture; Workday <input type="checkbox"/> <i>HOMEWORK: Section and hollow your sculpture, rejoin sections and detail Bring camera phone or digital cameras to class for photo session for Project #2</i></p>
<p>Week 5 Tuesday September 22</p>	<p>Project #1 Due for Grading and brief discussion Assign Project #2, Session on Sketching the Head with Clay – Pinched heads, Demo – The Gauze Head – Planar discovery, 360 degree photo session <input type="checkbox"/> <i>HOMEWORK: Create photos of your head, Sketches for your portrait head/What is a portrait? What do you want to convey along with the physical likeness?</i> <i>Project 1: Wrap sculptures under bath towels to dry slowly. Manage the drying prior to bisque firing.</i></p>

Thursday September 24	Session on the Skull and anatomy of the Head with Video (Farault) and demo Workday, Gauze molds? Maquette of your Head Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> <i>HOMEWORK: Read Textbook pages 38-69</i>
Friday September 25 	Fire Bisque Project #1, Fire Glaze test kilns
Week 6 Tuesday September 29	Demo: The armature and building the life scale head, Videos-Farault. Workday: Start building your form. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>HOMEWORK: Read Textbook pages 102-125 and 130-141 Continue working on Project #2</i>
Thursday October 1	Studio Work Day <input type="checkbox"/> <i>HOMEWORK: Continue working on Project #2</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>HOMEWORK: Glaze Testing Project #1; Mix glazes/apply to test tiles using terra sigillatas, patinas, underglaze and glaze</i>
Week 7 Tuesday October 6 	Workday; Tutorials with Nan Load Bisque - Project #1 Workday, Load Glaze test kiln and fire <input type="checkbox"/> <i>HOMEWORK: Continue working on Project #2</i>
Thursday October 8	Workday; Tutorials with Nan, Unload kilns <input type="checkbox"/> <i>HOMEWORK: Work on developing Project #2</i>
Week 8 Tuesday October 13	Workday; Tutorials with Nan – Last in class session for Project #2 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>HOMEWORK: Complete Project #2 for Critique</i>
Thursday October 15	<u>PROJECT #2 DUE (optional crit or work day if needed)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Homework: Glaze Project #1, Begin Drying Project #2</i>
Friday October 16 R	Load Glaze Project #1 kiln in the AM
Saturday October 17	Unload glaze kilns in the morning. Vacuum kilns and clean shelves.
Week 9 Tuesday October 20	Project #3 Part 1 – Female LIFE MODEL 1 – Gesture Warm ups. Select pose and make maquette, Take photos of pose to record gesture for out of class work on sculpture – Hand in Project #1 for Grading <input type="checkbox"/> <i>HOMEWORK: Color studies for Project #2, drawings</i>
Thursday October 22	Project #3 Part 1 – Female LIFE MODEL- Part 1-2 – Tutorials and meetings about color plan for Project #2 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>HOMEWORK: Glaze tests for Project #2 must be completed to load in kiln on Friday</i>
Friday October 23	Project #3 Part 1 – Female Out of Class Model Session #3 - Continue Individual Tutorial with Nan, Load Glaze Test Kiln <input type="checkbox"/> <i>HOMEWORK: Fire and unload kiln</i>
Saturday October 24	Fire Glaze test kilns (am)
Sunday October 25	Unload Glaze Test Kilns
Week 10 Tuesday October 27 	Project #3 Part 2 – LIFE MODEL-4 Workday, Individual tutorials, Load and fire bisque Project #2 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Homework: Continue working, Fire Bisque</i>
Thursday October 29	Project #3 Part 2 – LIFE MODEL-5, Unload Bisque Project #2

Week 11 Tuesday November 3	Project #3 Part 2 – Glaze Project #2, Workday, Individual tutorials □ <i>HOMEWORK: Glaze</i>
Wednesday November 4	Julia Galloway Visiting Artist Lecture, time and location to be announced. REQUIRED
Thursday November 5	Julia Galloway, Visiting Artist Workshop – Evening Lecture, demo attendance required (beyond class time, or Written Report on Artist Required (1 page typed review of his artwork via website, books, etc. if you cannot attend his lecture Project #3 Part 2 ,LIFE MODEL 7a, Load Glaze kilns Project #2 LIFE MODEL- out of class model session #6 TBA
Friday November 6	Homecoming – NO CLASSES
Week 12 Monday November 9	Fire Glaze Kilns Project #2 LIFE MODEL Out of Class Model Session, 7pm-10pm, 7 TBA Unload Glaze Kilns Project #2
Tuesday November 10	Project #3 Part 2 , LIFE MODEL 8 LIFE MODEL Out of Class Model Session - 7pm-10pm 7 TBA
Wednesday November 11	NO CLASS
Thursday November 12	LIFE MODEL Out of Class Model Session - 7pm-10pm 8 TBA
Week 13 Tuesday November 17	LIFE MODEL- 9 - Last Day of Wet Work , Hand in Project #2 for Grading Individual Tutorials for color designs Project #2, Load Glaze Test tiles in kilns for Project 3 □ <i>HOMEWORK: Prep for crit, Dry Project 3 (use fans and towels)</i>
Thursday November 19	Final Critique Project 1
Week 14 Tuesday November 24	Final Critique Project #2, Load Bisque All classes End of Wetwork
Thursday November 26	NO CLASS/ Thanksgiving holiday
Week 15 Tuesday December 1	Load and fire final glaze kiln
Thursday December 3	FINAL CRITIQUE – Project 3A, 3b, Studio clean up assigned
Week 16 Tuesday December 8	FINAL CRITIQUE (Bring all Projects)/ Last Day of Class <i>Clean up studio with Lunch</i>

Ceramic Figure Sculpture

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Project #1: “The Perceptual “

Visual References: Christina Carfora, Ovidio Giberga, Ketih Smith, Nan Smith, and selected artists from 500 Figures in Clay (both editions)

Assigned Reading:

Chapter 5 of *Make it in Clay*

Video: Smooth-on life casting with alja-safe, available on-line for more information beyond the class demo.

Assignment:

This project focuses on the direct study of the human figure using a personalized plaster cast.

Personalized Body Cast of Hand(s) or Feet:

In this project, you will sculpt from life using a plaster cast of your body. The sculpture is to be two or two and a half times life size. Use the original casting as a visual resource and replicate it in clay. Each student will create a life-cast or his/her hand(s) or foot (feet). Consider the pose and gesture carefully. If you are doing two hands or both feet please pose them together to be cast as one compositional unit. If you choose this option be sure you can handle the time that it will take to do this well. This is twice the work so really consider whether you feel you can dedicate the time to doing the careful form development and detailing of two forms.

The body casting will be done with alja-safe, a silica-free alginate designed for sculptors. The alginate mold will be cast in #1 molding plaster to create the plaster model. Alja-safe a non-permanent mold-making material that is cut away (wasted) when the plaster model cures. The result will be a personalized plaster cast.

When the life casting is completed you are to sculpt a life-scale maquette (sketch in clay) to practice modeling and fine-tune your perceptual skills. Look for relative proportions, composition in the round, effects on volumes in the round. With this study model complete you will move to the large sculpture.

The final sculpture will be modeled solid and then hollowed at the leather-hard state. Most forms will not require the use of an internal armature. Please speak with me and I will assist you in determining if your design requires an armature. Shish kabob skewers can be used as rigid inserts which work like a removable armature to hold things in place. Sculpting solid and hollowing a form is a traditional technique for life modeling used to create many of the terra cotta sculptures in the Renaissance. The technique of working solid allows the use of both additive and subtractive methods of sculpting. Detail will be developed as the sculpture becomes leather hard. After detail is completed, the sculpture will be sectioned to hollow it before firing. The walls of your final form will be approximately 3/8 of an inch in thickness. Terra sigillata will be applied to the sculpture at the bone-dry state. The piece will be bisque-fired and glazed or patinas will be rubbed into the surface after which the sculpture will be glaze-fired.

Size:

14"-16" or 2 to 2 1/2 times life scale. Scaling the larger sculpture accurately will be discussed in class

Materials:

Some special materials are required for this project: alginate (a non-permanent and gelatin-like casting material often used in Dental Offices), plastic container of appropriate size to be used as a rigid holder for the alginate, and #1 molding plaster. The #1 molding plaster will be provided through the bookstore and will be available to you in the ceramics lab for a competitive price. It is to be purchased at the UF Bookstore and the receipt brought to the lab for dispensing. Shish kabob skewers or ¼ inch dowels are strongly suggested.

Goals:

This project will be evaluated for accuracy in representing the dimensional relationships present in the original plaster model, proportions, depth, and transitions. The realism, articulation of form, detailing and anatomical structure will be evaluated. The finished sculpture should best reflect your perceptual skills and ability to model the form before you with detailed accuracy.

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Project #2: "The Portrait Head"

Exercise 1: Human Skull Study (Note: This exercise will be done in class as a study)

Read Textbook pages 10-30, Faraut. Video will be shown in class.

You will begin your sculpting experience by reading and studying the illustrations for the technique used by Philippe Faraut to sculpt the human skull and muscle structure of the human head. A supplementary video showing this process will be shown in class. This objective of this study is to learn the human anatomy so that you understand what creates the structure of the human head and neck and why we move as we do. In this study you will be using the Faraut technique of solid modeling the skull. Skulls will be modeled at one-half of life size.

Exercise 2: Pinched Portraits Study (Note: This exercise will be done in class as a study)

Read Textbook pages 38-69. Video will be shown in class, Faraut – the features. (Artists of reference are Joe Bova, Arthur Gonzales and Judy Moonelis).

A portrait will be done of a selected classmate as an "in class" project. An orientation to thinking in the third dimension will be practiced by pinching the form and moving the clay wall in and out like a skin. Your understanding of the skeletal and muscle structures learned in the last sculpture will inform your use of this new technique. The portrait studies will be modeled at one-half of life size. 3-5" in size

SOLID-BUILT SELF PORTRAIT PROJECT:

Read Textbook pages 102-125 and 130-141. Video will be shown in class, Faraut on creating a likeness and common mistakes.

These Portrait sculptures are to be modeled at life-size scale. This project will be evaluated for likeness, proportions, sculptural depth and mass conveyed, and smoothness within volumetric transitions. You will be asked to provide photos of your head in the round and a mirror. Photos should include a shot of each profile, $\frac{3}{4}$, front, back and top views of your head. Put all photos on a reference board to bring to class. These will be your perceptual resources for the project.

A demonstration of how to build using an armature will be shown during class. Armatures will be provided. The two previous exercises will lead you to understand structure and working hollow. Solid modeling allows an artist to make changes and keep the clay wet over a longer period. Once the sculpture is completed it will be cut apart and hollowed. Hollowing will occur at the leather hard state. After hollowing, it will be re-assembled and final detailing will take place.

This project will center upon developing perceptual skills. You are also being asked to consider the idea of portraiture as a reflection of more than likeness. Posture, gaze, gesture of shoulders and head, dress, hair styling, and facial expression should reflect an idea of who you are.

The sculpture can be surfaced using underglaze or staining and covered with a shop glaze. The

sculptures will be polychromed using ceramic underglaze and glaze materials. Tutorials will be offered. Glaze testing will be required. Low fire metallic or stone glaze are also suggested. A glaze demonstration will be done in class.

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Project 3: "The Full Figure"



A life model will pose for class as the subject of your sculpture. The modeling sessions will be scheduled during all class periods as well as during required out of class sessions. You will create six quick gestural studies as preliminary warm ups prior to creating two figure sculptures. Night sessions will be monitored by a GTA who is a figure sculptor. Attendance at night sessions is strongly advised. Attendance will be taken.

Gesture Studies: We will begin with quick studies that will increase your ability to capture the entire gesture and to learn proportional relationships.

Part 1 –Short Pose: You will create a quick but completed figure study to be done during two class sessions – one week. The goal will be to learn to block out the figure to convey gesture and anatomical observations. This figure will be in a reclining pose to limit considerations of gravity. You will be working with a female model.

- **Building Method:**
Modeled solid and hollowed (where needed).
- **Size:**
The size limitation on the figure is 18" across.
- **Resources:**
A videotape showing the sculpting process of contemporary Italian sculptor Bruno Luchessi will be shown to offer a demonstration of tools and methods. You are required to review the illustrated books by Luchessi (on reserve for this class in the FAA library) - modeling the figure and the terracotta portrait.
- **Materials:**
Please find or purchase a flat board 1/2" or 5/8" in thickness to be used for a surface to build on. Thinner boards will warp. It is suggested that the board is sealed with Thompson's Water Seal and/or covered with canvas (either will keep the board flat). A turntable or lazy susan is required. You also might find wood carving tools interesting to experiment with at this time (reference the Lucchesi video).
- **Surfacing:**
You can use terra sig and patinas or underglazes and stain with an overglaze or glaze.
- **Criterion for grading:**
Anatomical accuracy, proportion, and gesture will be evaluated and discussed as you work.

Part 2 – Long Pose: You will create a more comprehensive figure sculpture of a male model complete with detailed modeling of face, hands and feet. This sculpture is to reflect the modeling style of a sculptor

you admire.

During this second figure modeling sequence the group will have a voice in the pose selected (perhaps seated or standing). The model scheduled is to be male, to offer an experience with a different figure type and anatomical articulation. This project will focus on developing modeling style and increasing the size of the sculpture.

- **Building Method:**

Option to work solid or with slabs and pinch.

- **Size:**

The size of this vertical figure will be increased to 20"- 25" H.

- **Resources:**

Slides will be shown in class of ceramic figure sculptors who work within an academy style or with evident anatomical consideration including: Doug Jeck, Ron Meuch, Joseph Chinard, August Rodin and others.

Choose a figurative sculptor (realist) whose aesthetic style captures your interest. The artist can be from any period in Art History or a contemporary figurative sculptor. The sculptor does not have to work exclusively in clay.

- **Goals:**

This assignment requires that you research the style of the sculptor by looking at, at least ten sculptural pieces by the artist. Choose one piece and do a drawing where you note proportions and body type. Analyze it and list the elements of the sculptural style including; massiveness, gesture, articulation (hair, eyes, hands) simplification, posture, draped/nude, facial expression, etc.

Incorporate this "sculptural style" into the life sculpture of the male figure. The sculpture is to remain anatomically correct and as life-like and "realistic" as your skills and perception will permit. The style for modeling, however, might emulate Rodin, loose and flowing, might reflect Donatello's style tight and linear (compare to Ingres in drawing) or like Michelangelo's muscular articulations; massive hard and robust.

- **Surfacing:**

You can use terra sig and patinas or underglazes and stain with an overglaze.