Department of Art Syllabus

- I. ART 352 *Ceramics II*, 3 Credit Hours
- II. PREREQUISITES ART 351
- III. TEXTBOOK None

IV. COURSE DESCRIPTION

A continuation of ART 351, extending the creative activity into the development of skill at the potter's wheel and further knowledge of firing, glazing, and hand-built methods. (Lab fee required)

V. RATIONALE

A study of the three-dimensional form is important to artistic skill development. This course provides opportunities for mastery of wheelthrown and hand-built techniques as well as experience with glaze formulation and application.

VI. LEARNING OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Throw a cylinder with an even wall thickness.
- B. Produce a variety of shapes using various wheel-throwing and handbuilding techniques.
- C. Experiment with various surface-texturing techniques with an educated awareness of the drying stages of the clay.
- D. Properly apply glaze to a clay body.
- E. Apply various glazing, construction, and/or throwing techniques as described in researched materials.
- F. Identify spiritual analogies as they relate to the wheel-throwing process.

VII. INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS AND ACTIVITIES

- A. Lecture
- B. Demonstrations
- C. Lab assignments
- D. Video presentation
- E. Instructor and student critiques

VIII. EVALUATION

See Department of Art Syllabus Addendum for Grading Scale and Evaluation.

- IX. LIST OF MATERIALS
 - A. Sponge for wheel-throwing
 - B. Wooden/plastic rib tool
 - C. Metal rib tool
 - D. Loop trimming tool
 - E. Wire cutter
 - F. Needle tool
 - G. Plastic bags
 - H. Towel
 - I. Assortment of paintbrushes
 - J. Airtight container (Tupperware/Rubbermaid)
 - K. Large sponge for cleaning

X. REFERENCES

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