

**Northwestern Connecticut Community College**  
**Course Syllabus**

**Course Title:** Pottery for the Non-Majors

**Course #:** Art 298

**Course Description:** 3 hours (3 studio hours)

This is an introductory course to hand building and wheel thrown pottery. Students will explore a variety of decorative techniques and glaze application techniques on their ceramic forms.

**Goals:**

- To develop and refine one's skills in the area of hand built and wheel thrown pottery.
- To explore a variety of decorative techniques on clay surfaces.
- To improve your art through assessment and revision.
- To familiarize one's self with the history of ceramics and pottery and how it impacts contemporary ceramics and pottery.

**Learning Outcomes:** Upon completion of this course the student should be able to:

- gain an understanding of specific ceramic procedures as they apply to both hand-built and wheel thrown techniques, as well as the background necessary to appreciate fine ceramic crafts;
- demonstrate knowledge of the workability of clay and describe the stages involved in the forming of clay into ceramics (clay with plasticity, leather hard, greenware, bisqueware, glazeware);
- analyze three (3) decorative ceramic techniques: sgraffito, slip trailing, and underglaze. Compare and contrast the design qualities and craftsmanship associated with historical and contemporary ceramic forms including: sgraffito, slip trailing, and underglaze;
- critically analyze and evaluate ceramic forms that display a high degree of craftsmanship;
- demonstrate knowledge of glaze calculation and identify the components in a glass forming glaze: glass former, stabilizer, and flux (and qualities with colorants and opacifiers);
- demonstrate the ability to use the process of self-assessment and refinement throughout the various stages of design and creation of their own ceramic work.

**College Policies:**

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty are not tolerated at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Violators of this policy will be subject to sanction. Please refer to your "student handbook" under Policy on "Student Rights", the Section entitled "Student Discipline", or the College catalog for additional information.

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