

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
State University of New York

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**MASTER COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Ceramics I

**Course Abbreviation and Number:** ART 1590

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Course Type:** Lecture/Lab

**Course Description:** Students will gain a working knowledge of fundamental and advanced studio work in clay preparation, hand building, throwing, mold making, slip casting, glaze preparation, decorating techniques, and firing techniques.

No prerequisites.

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**General Education Requirements Met**

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Demonstrate skill and knowledge of multiple methods such as wheel throwing, slab, coil, and pinch construction as well as various finishing techniques for using ceramic material as an art medium.
  2. Create well-crafted utilitarian and sculptural pieces including hand-building and wheel throwing techniques.
  3. Create a digital portfolio of ceramic pieces with an artist's statement referencing a variety of societal, cultural, and historical contexts and make connections to uses of art in contemporary and local contexts.
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**Topics Covered:**

- Introduction to ceramics
  - Studio equipment
  - Clays; residual, sedimentary, maturation, bodies, mixing
  - Ceramic cycle, studio operation  
Hand building; pinch, coil, slab, hump, sling
  - Wheel demonstrations; centering, cylinders
  - Wheel demonstration; functional forms (mugs, bowls, pitchers, teapot, etc)
  - Handles; pulled, coiled, cut extruded
  - Firing procedures, kiln designs, fuels, atmospheres
  - Kiln stacking and ceramic cones
  - Experimental glaze tiles
  - Glaze mixing and applications
  - Critique
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**Information for Students**

- Expectations of Students
  - Civility Statement (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/current-students/classroom-civility>)
  - Student Responsibility Statement (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/academics/student-responsibility>)
  - Academic Integrity (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/faculty-staff/academic-integrity>)
- Disability/Special Services
  - Any student who requires accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability should make their needs known to the Coordinator of Accessibility Services, 716.338.1251.
- Emergency Closing Procedures (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/student-life/campus-safety/jcc-alert>)
- Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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- Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
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**Effective Date:** Fall 2019

