



**TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
ADMINISTRATIVE-MASTER SYLLABUS**

The Administrative- Master Syllabus is an administrative tool; it is **not intended to be distributed to students.** It is the intention of this Administrative-Master Syllabus to provide a general description of the course, outline the required elements of the course and to lay the foundation for course assessment for the improvement of student learning, as specified by the faculty of TVCC, regardless of who teaches the course, the timeframe by which it is instructed, or the instructional method by which the course is delivered. It is not intended to restrict the manner by which an individual faculty member teaches the course but to be an administrative tool to aid in the improvement of instruction. The Administrative-Master Syllabus will demonstrate that there is consistency and comparability in course offerings.

**Course Title**  
Ceramics I

**Course Prefix and Number**  
ARTS 2346

**Department – Division**  
Fine Arts - Art

**Course Type** – select from one of the following categories.

- **Academic General Education Course** (from ACGM – but not in TVCC Core)
- **Academic TVCC Core Course**
- **WECM Courses**

**Semester Credit Hours: Lecture Hours: Lab/other hours**

Semester Credit Hours	Lecture Hours	Lab/Other* Hours
3	3	3

Other hours include practicum, clinical or other types of non-lecture instruction. \*If other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Course Catalog Description**

An introduction to ceramic process, including basic materials and techniques. Hand-building is emphasized with an introduction to the use of the potter's wheel. Glazing and other surface treatments and stacking and firing of the kiln will be taught. This course is individualized to suit the special needs of various students, both art majors and hobbyists.

**Prerequisites/co requisites**

None

**Topical Outline**

Assignments which utilize basic hand-building techniques (pinch, hand-forming, coil, slab)

Assignments which utilize basic wheel-throwing techniques

Individualized project that utilize one or more of the basic clay techniques

**Course Learning Outcomes**

Students will learn the basic techniques of hand-building (pinch, coil, slab, and soft slab) construction and/or basic techniques of throwing. Once the basics have been mastered, students are encouraged to select and develop one or more of the basic techniques to execute projects of their choice, with individual instruction as needed. Students will use different types of clay and the glazes appropriate to that type of clay and will learn kiln-loading and firing.

**Relationship to General Education Outcomes** – In addition to the core competencies, Trinity Valley Community College has established ten general education goals which specify knowledge and skills that students should gain from completing courses in the various component areas of the core curriculum. Information regarding curriculum and assessment is used as a means for the improvement of student learning through the general education component. (Select all that apply.)

Mark with an "X"	General Education Outcome
	A. To communicate clearly and effectively in both oral and written English.

	B. To improve reading skills focused on comprehending, analyzing, interpreting, and evaluating printed materials.
	C. To understand mathematical information and utilize mathematical skills.
	D. To demonstrate qualitative and quantitative critical thinking skills.
	E. To understand and appreciate cultural and ethnic diversity.
	F. To utilize computer based technology in accessing information, solving problems, and communicating.
X	G. To recognize and evaluate artistic achievements in the visual and performing arts.
	H. To improve basic understanding of political, economic, and social systems.
	I. To demonstrate knowledge of the physical universe and living systems.
	J. To develop skills and strategies to become an engaged learner.

**Required Text(s)**

None

**Optional Text(s)**

None

**Material/Technology to be supplied by the student**

Tools may be purchased or brought from home, if desired.

**Course Requirements/Grading System** – describe any course specific requirements such as research papers or reading assignments and the generalized grading format for the course; not intended to restrict the individual nature by which each faculty member who teaches the course determines course requirements and final student performance, but should offer consistency within reason for all sections taught for those departments without a standardized format.

There is no set number of projects required, but grades will be based on quality, quantity, craftsmanship, and creativity of work produced.

***Approvals – the contents of this document have been reviewed and are found to be accurate.***

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