

Beginners' Ceramics - Hand-building with clay

Course Overview

This is a fun and practical course held at St. Margaret's Campus, where you'll learn how to make things out of clay by hand. It's great for beginners and no experience is needed. You'll try out different ways of working with clay, like pinching, coiling, and using slabs to build shapes. You'll also learn how to decorate your work, add glaze, and find out how pottery is fired in a kiln. All materials are included, and you get to take home the pieces you make.

What you will learn

You will learn key hand-building techniques with clay. This includes pinching, coiling, and slab construction. You'll explore how to shape and join clay to make simple ceramic forms. The course also covers surface decoration, texturing, and the basics of glazing. You'll understand how to prepare your work for firing. You'll gain insight into the ceramic process from start to finish. You will learn to use tools and materials safely in a studio. By the end of the course, you'll have created your own ceramic pieces using the skills you've developed.

Entry Requirements

No previous experience is necessary, just an interest in the subject.

Course Fees

Material fee: £10 Annual Tuition fee: £25 There are no additional costs

Course Progression

The Ceramics course is designed to provide you with the knowledge and skills to progress onto other areas of practical crafts courses. You will have opportunities to progress onto more advanced courses, or you may wish to take your experience forward into designing and producing your own work at home, utilising the skills you have developed.

What Happens Next

You will be contacted or you will be sent a conditional offer according to the entry requirements for the course. You will then be invited in to enrol for your chosen course of study. For enrol and pay courses: Once you have decided to take the course, you need to fill in a short learner details form online and pay the course fee. Once you have done this, you will receive an electronic confirmation of enrolment and payment.

Course Details

Course Code	P00965
Start Date	29/10/2026
Study Hours	Part Time
Duration	7 weeks
Campus	St Margaret's Campus
Level	1

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