

COURSE TITLE	BEGINNERS WHEEL THROWING
COURSE CODE	EC2501C102
TUTOR	LISA SJUKUR
START DATE	29/10/2025
DAY & TIME	WEDNESDAYS, 6.30PM - 9PM
LEVEL	BEGINNERS
LOCATION	BANKSIDE CAMPUS

DAILY BREAKDOWN

Date	Topics/Skills covered	What to bring	
29 October 2025	Health and Safety. Intro to the process of making, trimming, drying, firing and glazing pots. Practical demonstration of centering and opening a pieces of clay on the wheel, then how to pull up the walls to form a pot. Times to try out these basic steps and practice your skills	Old clothes and shoes, apron, an old tea towel for your hands	week 1
5 November 2025	Demonstration on making a cyclinder, with emphasis on pulling up straight, even walls. Practice centering and opening a lump of clay and pulling up straight walls	Old clothes and shoes, apron, an old tea towel for your hands	week 2
12 November 2025	Demonstration on making small bowls. How to open and pull up the walls to create a smooth curve inside the bowl. Practice on centering and making small bowls with soft curved walls.	Old clothes and shoes, apron, an old tea towel for your hands	week 3
19 November 2025	You will neaten and tidy the pots previously made through a process called trimming. Choose your best pieces to be fired	Old clothes and shoes, apron, an old tea towel for your hands	week 4
26 November 2025	Your pots will have been fired and now you can decorate with brush on glazes	Old clothes and shoes, apron, an old tea towel for your hands	week 5
COURSE BLURB	<p>This immersive beginners course is designed to introduce you to the fundamentals of wheel throwing. Through expert demonstrations and plenty of hands-on practice, you'll develop essential skills, from centering clay to shaping forms like cylinders and small bowls.</p> <p>Throughout the sessions, you will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The complete pottery-making process: trimming, drying, firing, and glazing- How to prepare and wedge clay for the wheel (400-500g of clay per pot)- Techniques for centering and opening clay to create functional forms- Pulling up straight, even walls to craft cylinders and small bowls- Achieving smooth, curved interiors for refined pottery shapes- Trimming, refining, and glazing your work for a professional finish <p>Sessions are held in our new, well-equipped Ceramics studio, guided by an experienced tutor. This is a fun environment where an exploratory approach is encouraged. It is a very messy activity, so please wear old clothes and cut your nails short.</p> <p>This course includes having 4 of your best pieces fired which can be collected shortly after the course is complete. Learning to use the wheel proficiently is a physical skill which takes time to build. This course will provide a strong foundation in your wheel throwing journey.</p>		