





# **Advanced Course in Ceramics: Technological Analysis**

Presented by the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology, University of Pretoria

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"The life of a pot"! How it was made in different areas and time periods, how it was used and how it was discarded and secondary use are the different stages in the life of a pot. Each one of these stages will be illuminated by means of different laboratory analysis in combination with lectures to help us interpret how man in different societies have worked and interacted with his environment.

The laboratory analysis of the **Advanced Course in Ceramics: Technological Analysis** will be focused on manufacture and microscopy of ceramic thin-sections, preparation of samples and analysis using an h-XRF followed by interpretation of data. Lectures on the geology of Southern Africa and its implications on how to interpret results of laboratory analysis.







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#### **Course content**

- Raw materials in pottery production
- Forming techniques
- Decoration techniques and symbolism
- Firing techniques

## **Learning outcomes**

After successfully completing this course, you will:

- be able to recognise clay types and temper used for the production of pots
- be able to recognise different forming methods and decoration techniques as well as firing methods
- Have knowledge in the manufacture of ceramic thin
- Have a basic understanding on how to recognise different minerals in thin sections
- be able to calculate the grain size distribution in the ceramic ware
- be able to operate handheld XRF equipment and interpret data obtained by the analysis

### Who should enrol?

This course is ideal for you if you are a student at all levels in Archaeology. Archaeologists working at universities, at museums and in the private sector are also welcome.

## **Course fees**

# R10 000.00 per delegate (VAT incl.) R5 000.00 per student (VAT incl.)

Course fees include all course material, refreshments and/ or other materials.

Course fees must be paid in full 14 days prior to course start dates. Proof of payment can be submitted to enrolments@enterprises.up.ac.za.

# **Admission requirements**

Prospective delegates should at least have a basic knowledge in archaeology at university level.

### **Accreditation and certification**

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## **Registration and enquiries**

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