



Introduction to Medieval Scotland (Provisional Schedule)

University of Edinburgh, International Summer School, Centre for Open Learning
6 – 31 July 2020

Course will be taught via Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) Learn, and will incorporate:

- Privileged access to Edinburgh’s archives, museums and galleries
- Contributions from SmartHistory, a University of St Andrews-based organization specializing in immersive virtual tours
- Lectures recorded by course leaders
- PebblePad blog entries and peer review
- Discussion Boards
- Blackboard Collaborate live seminars
- Study skills workshops to develop historical research

Wk 1 6-10 July			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All readings available online • Essential reading in bold, usually from set textbook: Bob Harris and Alan R. MacDonald (eds.), 2006. <i>Scotland: The Making and Unmaking of the Nation, c. 1100-1707, Vol. 1: The Scottish Nation: Origins to c. 1500</i>. Dundee: Dundee University Press.
Mon	Introduction to the course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome. • Lecture introducing history, medieval history and Scottish history. • Exercise on reading a primary source (newspaper) 	
Tues	Early Scottish History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture on Scotland before 1100AC. • Exercise on medieval source material – what is a primary source? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broun, D., 2006. ‘Scotland Before 1100: Writing Scotland’s Origins’, in Harris and MacDonald (eds.).
Wed	Finding resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using resources via University of Edinburgh library. • Finding online secondary sources. • Finding primary sources. • Exercise on the types of resources to be used on this course. 	
Thurs	Malcolm III-Alexander III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture on Malcolm III to Alexander III. • Exercise: what made a good king in Medieval Scotland? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barrow, G., 2006. ‘The Anglo-Norman Impact’, in Harris and MacDonald (eds.). • Barrell, Andrew D.M., 2000. <i>Medieval Scotland</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 2: ‘Feudal Scotland’.



Fri	Wars of Independence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture on the Wars of Independence Exercise on written primary sources, using extracts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watson, F., 2006. 'The Wars of Independence', in Harris and MacDonald (eds.), 2006. Brown, M., 2004. <i>The Wars of Scotland, 1214-1371</i>. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.
Wk 2 13-17 July			
Mon	Bruces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture on Bruces Exercise on Outlaw King 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barrell, Andrew D.M., 2000. <i>Medieval Scotland</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 5. Penman, Michael, 2014. <i>Robert the Bruce: King of the Scots</i>. New Haven CT: Yale University Press. Declaration of Arbroath: https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/Declaration https://www.nms.ac.uk/explore-our-collections/stories/scottish-history-and-archaeology/the-declaration-of-arbroath/ Callum Watson, 'How to Get Away with Murder (in Late Medieval Scotland): The Killing of John Comyn Revisited': https://drillumwatson.blogspot.com/2019/07/how-to-get-away-with-murder-in-late.html Callum Watson, 'The Bute Mazer', https://drillumwatson.blogspot.com/2018/10/scottishmuseumsday-bute-mazer.html
Tues	Stewarts to James I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture on Stewarts to James I Exercise on secondary source use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brown, M., 2006. 'Stewart Monarchy (1371-1513)', in Harris and MacDonald (eds.), 2006. Barrell, Andrew D.M., 2000. <i>Medieval Scotland</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Ch 6.
Wed	Essay writing workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture on history essay writing. Exercise on how to approach historical essays. Exercise using questions, planning. 	
Thurs	Stewarts to James IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture on Stewarts to JIV Exercise on using sources to debate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brown, M., 2006. 'Stewart Monarchy (1371-1513)', in Harris and MacDonald (eds.), 2006. Barrell, Andrew D.M., 2000. <i>Medieval Scotland</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Ch 7



			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawson, J., 2007. <i>Scotland Re-Formed, 1488-1587</i>. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press. • Primary sources in Erskine, C., Macdonald, A.R., Penman, M., 2007. <i>Scotland: The Making and Unmaking of the Nation, c. 1100-1707, Vol. 5: Major Documents</i>. Edinburgh: EUP.
Fri	Castles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture on castles • Exercise on castle design • Online resources: SmartHistory and Historic Environment Scotland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weinczok, D., Towers of Power. <i>History Today</i> 66 (11), 2016. • Asselmeyer, M., 2006. 'Medieval Architecture' in Harris and MacDonald (eds.), 2006. • https://www.smarthistory.co.uk/Edinburgh1544/index.html
Wk 3 20-24 July			
Mon	Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture on institutional church • Virtual visit to Holyrood Abbey. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foggie, J., 2006. 'The Medieval Church', in Harris and MacDonald (eds.), 2006. • https://www.smarthistory.co.uk/Edinburgh1544/16th_Century_Edinburgh.html • Ditchburn, David, 2001. <i>Scotland and Europe. Vol 1: Religion, Culture and Commerce</i>. East Linton: Tuckwell. Ch. 2: 'The religious bonds'. • Barrell, Andrew D.M., 2000. <i>Medieval Scotland</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Ch. 3: 'The transformation of the Scottish Church' and ch.8: 'The road to Reformation'. • Macquarrie, Alan, 2004. <i>Medieval Scotland. Kingship and Nation</i>. Stroud: Sutton. Ch. 6: 'Reform of the Church' and ch.11: 'The Scottish Church in the later middle ages'.
Tues	Popular religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture on popular religion • Exercise on using objects as primary sources. • Virtual visit to National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh; online discussion with curators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foggie, J., 2006. 'The Medieval Church', in Harris and MacDonald (eds.), 2006. • www.nms.ac.uk • Amy Jeffs, 'Tourist Trinkets: The Medieval Pilgrim Badge', History Matters [Blog] (August 2017). Available online: https://www.historytoday.com/history-matters/tourist-trinkets-medieval-pilgrim-badge • Scottish Archaeological Research Framework (ScARF), n.d. Pilgrimage in Medieval Scotland. [online] Available at: https://www.scottishheritagehub.com/content/443-pilgrimage-medieval-scotland
Wed	Oral presentations workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide on object/source for presentation. • Exercise on how to use primary sources and how to put together presentation. 	



Thurs	Town and Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture on Economy Exercise on primary written sources/maps. Virtual tour of Old Town with SmartHistory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ewan, E., 2006. 'Townlife and Trade' in Harris and MacDonald (eds.), 2006. Whyte, I., 2006. 'Rural Society and Economy' in Harris and MacDonald (eds.), 2006. Cowan, E. and Henderson, L., 2011. <i>A History of Everyday Life in Medieval Scotland</i>. Edinburgh: EUP. https://www.smarthistory.co.uk/Edinburgh1544/
Fri	Maps and documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examination of maps in National Library of Scotland Map Library, Edinburgh. Exercise on maps as a historical source. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://maps.nls.uk/scotland/
Wk 4 27-31 July			
Mon	The Gaidhealtachd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture on Gaidhealtachd – Gaelic Scotland Exercise on identity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> McDonald, R.A., 2006. 'The Western Gaidhealtachd in the middle ages' in Harris and MacDonald (eds.), 2006.
Tues	The Arts and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture on Arts and Education Manuscript workshop – MSS of medieval Scotland. How we read and how we use. Virtual tour of manuscripts in National Library of Scotland, University of Edinburgh Library, and University of St Andrews Library Tour of medieval art in Scottish National Gallery. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Royan, N., 2006. 'Medieval Literature' in Harris and MacDonald (eds.), 2006. Asselmeyer, M., 2006. 'Medieval Architecture' in Harris and MacDonald (eds.), 2006. https://www.nationalgalleries.org/art-and-artists/17481/trinity-altarpiece https://digital.nls.uk/murthlyhours/
Wed	Assessments workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exercises to prepare for oral and written assessment. One-to-one discussion as required. 	
Thurs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on a medieval town Virtual visit to St Andrews Exercise on components of a medieval town. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SmartHistory St Andrews 1559: https://vimeo.com/240629953 St Andrews Cathedral: https://vimeo.com/77928887
Fri	Oral presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of oral presentations. Discussion board on presentations. 	