

Syllabus

Scottish History: Modern Myths and Historical Reality

Cooperative Center for Study Abroad - Scotland

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Message from professor:

Welcome to my study abroad course! I'm professor at Eastern Kentucky University and I currently teach social studies education and teacher education courses. My Ph.D. is in medieval history and I've taught medieval history at Eastern Kentucky University and University of Kentucky. Before earning my Ph.D., I was a high school social studies teacher.

I love history and I love travel so I'm really excited about this course!

My particular interest in medieval history is crusades. My dissertation examined why crusaders vowed to go to the Holy Land. I focused on the first three crusades and 12th century King Richard I (the Lion-hearted). The King Arthur myths were "created" during this period and are related to crusading. I also love to study the history of everyday people and everyday life.

I've traveled in Europe several times. My first trip to Europe was through a study abroad course while I was in college and I was hooked. The following summer, I worked in a fish and chips shop in Woolacombe, Devon, England. My latest trips have been leading study abroad courses for CCSA.

Wear your walking shoes, bring your camera and adopt "I want to see everything!" attitude and we'll have a medieval adventure.

Catalog Description:

Are modern media depictions of Scottish history in *Braveheart*, *Brave*, *Highlander*, *Rob Roy* and *Outlander* television series and novels historically accurate? This course will compare modern conceptions of Scottish history and culture to the reality of the medieval, early modern, and Victorian eras. We'll visit castles such as Edinburgh Castle, historical homes of the rich and poor, churches, and museums to learn if Scots really wore kilts, painted themselves blue for battle, loved or hated Mary, Queen of Scots, Bonnie Prince Charlie, and England. We'll explore the historical divide between the highlands and the lowlands and separate myth from fantasy in the history of kilts, tartans, bagpipes, oats, and haggis.

Talking Points

- Compares modern media depictions (*Braveheart*, *Brave*, *Highlander*, *Rob Roy* and *Outlander*) to reality of Scottish history.
 - Asks if all the things you know about Scotland - kilts, tartans, bagpipes, haggis, family clans, Highlanders, standing stones - are primarily myth or reality
 - Explores the best known figures of Scottish history - Mary, Queen of Scots, Bonnie Prince Charlie, William Wallace, Sir Walter Scott
 - Visit castles, churches, museums, historical homes, streets, and countryside
 - Open to ALL students - undergraduate and graduate; ALL majors
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This course can be taken as an upper division OR graduate level history course.

Who should take this course: Any undergraduate or graduate student. Pre-requisite courses are NOT required.

Eastern Kentucky University Course Name/Number:

HIS 300B: Topics in European History: *Daily Life in Medieval and Victorian Scotland* – Movements in European history that have influence and continue to influence the course of European civilization.

HIS 861 Readings in European History: *Medieval and Victorian Scotland and the 19th Century Gothic Revival*- Seminar on selected developments in European history.

Texts and Course Materials:

Students are not required to purchase a specific textbook prior to departure, but are encouraged to read widely from a book/article list provided by the professor. Assigned readings required before the trip will be available on the Internet or provided by the professor (via email or website). Prior to departure, students will read articles/selections from texts provided by the professor and submit written responses prior to departure.

After the trip, students will also need to read at least five - eight published books and journal articles in the preparation of the research paper. Students may purchase the books they need, but many will be available in local university libraries.

Additional costs:

The majority of required course activities will be covered by the course fees already paid. Students should budget an additional \$100-150 for required activities that are not covered by course fees. This additional amount will be used for admissions or travel fares.

During “free time” students may choose to accompany the professor to additional sites that may require admission fees, so students are encouraged to bring \$75-100 if they choose to accompany the professor for the optional activities.

Course Objectives:

1. Compare/contrast modern conceptions of Scottish history with the historical reality of the medieval, early modern, 19th and 20th centuries.
2. To attain an understanding of the social, cultural, political, economic and religious history of Scotland

3. Analyze the day to day existence of those living in a pre-industrial era and the era of industrialization and compare/contrast with modern experience and modern perceptions of the past.
 4. Compare/contrast historical conceptions of gender, socio-economic class, religion, and roles of government to modern conceptions.
 5. To improve analytical reading and writing skills through the completion of assigned readings, monograph analyses, journal entries, and a research paper.
- Graduate level - 6.** To read and assess historical primary sources.

Course Requirements

Prior to Departure		
% of Grade	Assignment	Due Dates
25%	Two essays/response papers Watch <i>Braveheart</i> , <i>Brave</i> , <i>Highlander</i> , <i>Rob Roy</i> or <i>Outlander</i> television series or other movie/television show set in "historical" Scotland; read articles provided by instructor	In Blackboard (course website created by instructor and accessible to students) • June 1 • June 10
5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post "introduction" in Blackboard Complete online quiz (quiz will cover course requirements/syllabus/CCSA policies) 	In Blackboard - - • May 30
During Trip		
30% -	A minimum of 11 journal entries (at least 2 pages hand-written each) during the two week trip that concentrate on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> contrasting myth and reality reflections on daily life in the past information about specific interests for research paper topic to be written after the trip. 	Checked daily after each tour day of the trip
10%	Participation in ALL scheduled class activities with a positive attitude <i>NO ONE likes to go on tour with a negative whiner!</i> <i>NO ONE likes to go on a trip with someone that is always late and holds up the entire group – wear a watch!!!</i>	Checked daily (on-time participation AND positive attitude)
Post Trip		

30%	<p>Research paper on Scottish history topic of interest to student. (minimum 8 pages and 5 sources)</p> <p>Graduate students must write 14-16 pages with at least 8-10 secondary sources and 2-4 primary sources.</p> <p>Topic must be approved by professor.</p>	<p>In Blackboard and by email with return receipt</p> <p>Post trip – due date August 1</p>
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Additional information about selection of post-trip research paper:

While in Scotland, as we visit the various museums and historical sites, consider what history topics interest you the most. At the historical site or museum, make notes in your journal that includes specific information about your interests. While on the trip, I will discuss research topics with each student, individually, to help you choose an appropriate topic related to both your interests and the sites we visit.

Your research paper topic should be directly connected to the information that you learn from specific sites that are visited.

Grading Scale:

A = 90 – 100

B = 80 – 89

C = 70 – 79

D = 60 – 69

F = below 60

Late Submissions:

Late submission of pre-trip response paper, post-trip book response paper, and post-trip research paper will result in a 10% reduction of the grade. If assignments are more than one week late (7 days), grade will be reduced by 20%.

Attendance Policy

Students are required to attend ALL scheduled course activities. Students are also required to be ON TIME for schedule activities. ***NO ONE likes to go on a trip with someone that is always late and holds up the entire group – wear a watch!!!***

A reduction in grade will result from absences or tardiness. Please alert the professor prior to departure for the day's activities in case of illness (hangovers not excused!)

Student Progress:

Students will be provided a “mid-term” grade report no later than **July 5** after return from the trip. Final grades will be submitted on **(TBA)** after returning from Scotland to Cooperative Center for Study Abroad.

Disability Statement:

Students with disabilities or special needs must contact the instructor and the CCSA office at least a month in advance of the program's beginning so that accommodations can be made, to the extent possible in a study abroad setting. Students seeking such accommodation must provide CCSA with a copy of the letter on file with their own Office of Disability Services, outlining what services they receive on their home campus.

Academic Integrity Policy

Students are to complete their own work. Evidence of academic dishonesty and/or plagiarism on writing assignments will result in the assignment of an "F" for the paper or assignment. The student will not be allowed to rewrite the assignment or paper.

TENTATIVE Course Outline: THIS IS my 2017 Scotland Itinerary - modifications will be made when CCSA determines dates, group itinerary , etc.

FRI 23 JUN	CCSA group departs U.S.
SAT 24 JUN – Edinburgh	9:45 am CCSA group arrival into Edinburgh Airport aboard United #108 11:00 am Coach transfer from airport w/city tour by Jeffrey Williams 12:30 pm Arrive @ Pollock Halls (luggage to be held for later check-in) CCSA Program Director Jeffrey Williams to lead walking tour of surrounding area w/lunch stop (own expense) 2:00 pm Check-in @ Pollock Halls 4:30 pm Orientation (Small Common Room) 6:00 pm Dinner (provided by CCSA) @ Pollock Halls
SUN 25 JUN – Edinburgh	9:30 am Depart Pollock Halls 10:00 am Historical walking tour of Edinburgh w/Jane Roy 2:00 pm Visit People's Story Museum 4:00 pm Visit Museum of Edinburgh
MON 26 JUN – Edinburgh	8:45 am depart Pollock Hall 9:30 am Visit Edinburgh Castle Afternoon Explore time
TUES 27 JUN – Edinburgh	9 am Depart Pollock Hall 10:15 am Tour of Gladstone's Land 2:00 pm Tour of Georgian House Visit Dean Cemetery
WED 28 JUN – Edinburgh	8:30 am Depart Pollock Hall 9:00 am Visit St. Giles Cathedral Visit Scott Monument Afternoon Stirling Castle

THURS 29 JUN – Edinburgh	9:30 am Depart Pollock Hall 10:00 National Museum of Scotland Late Afternoon Greyfriars Kirkyard
FRI 30 JUN – Highlands Excursion	8:45 am Departure for St. Andrew's 11:00 am Visit St. Andrew's Cathedral and Castle 12:30 pm Free time for lunch (own expense) 2:00 pm Transfer to Dunkeld 3:45 pm Visit Dunkeld Cathedral 4:30 pm Depart Dunkeld Cathedral 5:00 pm Arrival & Check-in at Fisher Hotel, Pitlochry 7:30 pm Dinner @ hotel (provided by CCSA)
SAT 1 JUL – Highlands Excursion	8:00 am Transfer to Inverness 10:15am Pit Stop in Inverness 10:45 am Transfer to Urquhart Castle 11:30 am Visit Urquhart Castle 12:30 pm Lunch (own expense) 1:00 pm Transfer to Glencoe 3:00 pm Visit Glencoe Visitor Centre 4:30 pm Depart Glencoe 5:45 pm Arrival & Check-in at Regent Hotel, Oban 7:30 pm Dinner @ hotel (provided by CCSA)
SUN 2 JUL – Highlands Excursion	8:45 am Transfer to Inveraray Castle 10:15 am Visit Inveraray Castle 12:00 noon Lunch at Inveraray (own expense) 1:30 pm Depart Inveraray 2:00 pm Visit Auchindrain Museum 3:30 pm Transfer to Loch Lomond region, pit stop in Balloch or Luss (1-hr drive, 1-hr stop) 5:30 pm Transfer to Glasgow 6:30 pm Arrival + Check-in at Glasgow Caledonian University
MON 3 JUL – Glasgow	AM Glasgow city tour (hop on/hop off bus) Lunch 1:30 – Willow Tea Room (optional - own expense) Time TBD - Riverside Museum of Transport and Travel
TUES 4 JUL – Glasgow	9 am Depart Glasgow Caledonian University 10:00 am Visit Hunterian Gallery & Mackintosh House Time TBD Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum Tour 3:00 pm Visit Tenement House
WED 5 JUL – Glasgow	Explore time

THURS 6 JUL – Glasgow	8:30 am Depart Glasgow Caledonian University Visit Glasgow Necropolis 10:30 am Visit Provand's Lordship Lunch at Drygate (own expense) 1:30 pm Historical walking tour of Glasgow w/Joan Dobbie
FRI 7 JUL – Glasgow	9.00 am - 12.00 noon pre-departure meeting/evaluations (GCU Govan Mbeki Bldg, Room A423 on 4 th floor) Time TBC check out of Caledonian Court; depart for Edinburgh Time TBC arrival and check-in at Travelodge Edinburgh Airport Ratho Station 7:00 pm dinner at Edinburgh Airport Ratho Station
SAT 8 JUL – Glasgow to Edinburgh Airport	5:45 AM Continental breakfast available at hotel 6:45 am Depart Travelodge Edinburgh Airport Ratho Station by taxi for Edinburgh Airport 9:25 am United #37 departs Edinburgh Airport

Cooperative Center for Study Abroad Course Website:

<https://ccsa.cc/faculty/course/index.php?last=Resor&first=Cynthia&term=201920>