COURSE DETAIL

MAKING AND BREAKING MEDIEVAL BRITAIN: ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES C.1100 - C1500

Country
United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution
University of Edinburgh

Program(s)
University of Edinburgh

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
History

UCEAP Course Number
118

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
MAKING AND BREAKING MEDIEVAL BRITAIN: ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES C.1100 - C1500

UCEAP Transcript Title
MEDIEVAL BRITAIN

UCEAP Quarter Units
8.00

UCEAP Semester Units
5.30

Course Description
The course provides students with an overview of the key developments in the history of late medieval Britain and Ireland. The course addresses the comparative methodological approach pioneered by Rees Davies and Robin Frame (the so-called "New British History") that seeks to understand the history of the British Isles as something more than a collection of "national" political narratives. The chronological starting point is provided by the profound transformation of the aristocratic, ecclesiastical, administrative, economic structures, and cultural and social life, of the various polities within the British Isles that came in the wake of the Norman Conquest of Anglo-Saxon England. The course traces the way in which, thereafter, Frankish political and cultural norms extended over much of the British Isles and Ireland, drawing the various societies that inhabited the islands into European networks, largely mediated through the English crown and its associated institutions. The course outlines the way in which the "Europeanization" process allowed the English monarchy to reinforce its dominant position within Britain, before the impact of war, plague, and famine in the 14th century destroyed the coherence of this "English Empire."

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
HIST08039

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Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty School of History, Classics and Archaeology
Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department
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