

COURSE DETAIL

THE CASTLE IN MEDIEVAL SCOTLAND, 1100-1550

Country

United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution

University of St Andrews

Program(s)

University of St Andrews

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

110

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

THE CASTLE IN MEDIEVAL SCOTLAND, 1100-1550

UCEAP Transcript Title

CASTLE MEDV SCOTLND

UCEAP Quarter Units

12.00

UCEAP Semester Units

8.00

Course Description

Castles remain the most impressive physical reminders of Scotland's medieval past. The great royal fortresses of Edinburgh and Stirling provide symbols of Scotland's past nationhood; the ruined walls and towers of baronial castles demonstrate the power and pretensions of the great lords of the middle ages. As military strongholds, centers of government and lordship, and residences of royal and aristocratic households, these castles give access to the main themes of medieval Scottish politics and society. This course studies the castle in its context: the changing needs of military and domestic architecture in response to the needs of war and peace; the siting of castles and their use in wider structures of authority from Lothian and the marches to the Hebrides; and their role in warfare, as places of refuge and as bases for garrisons. Architectural and archaeological evidence is combined with descriptions of the Scottish castle in chronicles and record sources to obtain a full understanding of the buildings and their functions.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

ME3142

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Host Institution Campus

St Andrews

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Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

School of History

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