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

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