History – Scottish History

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Previous knowledge of subject required? Yes, History

What will I study?
In the first two years you will study the history of Scotland in courses which place the country and its people in a European and global context. The Honours programme offers a wide breadth of periods and approaches for the study of Scottish history.

Your classes are chosen from those offered in the School of History and will encourage you to place Scotland’s history in the wider context of European and global change.

First year
You will study Scotland and the English Empire between 1070-1500 by examining the development of Scotland as a kingdom and nation in the Middle Ages. You will also take two further history classes in the first two years.

Second year
You will explore the issues of British nationalism, imperialism, and devolution in Scotland from 1500-2000. You will also have the opportunity to develop a grounding in the major themes of history, in the development of history as a scholarly discipline and in the study of historiography. The critical examination of relevant primary sources and study skills are built into the programme.

Third and fourth years (Honours)
You can take courses on a wide range of periods and approaches. They have included Scotland and Ireland during the Dark Ages, the importance of the castle in mediaeval Scotland, and women in Scottish society from the nineteenth century to 1970.

In third year you will normally study two optional courses per semester.

As a Single Honours Scottish History student, in fourth year you will take one further optional course and a year-long Special Subject – those offered in previous years include: the British Isles during the wars of the Bruces, and culture and society during the Scottish Enlightenment. You will also write a dissertation on a topic of your choice.

• Our Scottish historians have been at the forefront of recent, major reinterpretations of Scotland’s past. In studying Scottish History here you will work with this group of widely-published experts.
• As a setting of fundamental importance in Scottish history, St Andrews is a unique and enriching location for your studies.
• You will be able to study the history of Scotland from the making of kingdom and country in the early Middle Ages to the debates around Unionism and Nationalism in the late twentieth century.
• You can explore key periods including the Wars of Independence, the Reformation and the Enlightenment and themes like kingship, identity and religious change.
• Although previous study of History is required, it is not necessary to have prior knowledge of Scottish History in order to take the classes on offer.

Entry requirements
We consider all aspects of every application, including context, equivalent qualifications and the Personal Statement. Offers may be higher or lower than the grades stated here. See also page 169.

Qualifications must include History.

SQA Highers: AAAB
GCE A-Levels: AAA
International Baccalaureate Points: 36, including HL6 in History.

“This studying Scottish History at St Andrews is an incomparable experience. Being taught by academics who write the books and are leading experts in their fields; and having access to a large collection of original Scottish sources enabled me to work in an academically challenging and intellectually stimulating environment in which I could develop and broaden my research interests. In all honesty, it is the best decision I ever made.”

Petros (Nicosia, Cyprus)