

Scottish Ethnology and Scottish History

University of Edinburgh

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Uncover Scotland's past and help shape its future, while gaining skills that you can apply to any culture or country.

This innovative joint honours programme combines two complementary approaches to the study of the Scottish nation, past and present.

Year 1:

You will study Scottish cultural history, heritage, cultural expression and representation. Courses also look at heritage, literature, folklore, music and song, visual art, the popular media and how these are linked to Scottish identity.

Year 2:

You will be introduced to key concepts and theories relating to the performance and transmission of oral material. Case studies will involve songs, ballads, legends and folktales drawn from the School of Scottish Studies Archives. You will develop a critical understanding of the contribution made by paintings, films, documentaries and other visual media.

Year 3:

This is the first of your honours years. You will choose from options such as Ethnological Fieldwork Methods, Traditional Narrative, Cultural Revivalism, Traditional Song, Scotland and Heritage, Scotland and Heritage, Custom, Belief and Community, Scottish Emigrant Traditions, The Supernatural World, Material Culture in Scotland, and Traditional Drama.

Year 4:

You will undertake a dissertation and choose from options such as Custom, Belief and Community, Scottish Emigrant Traditions, The Supernatural World, Material Culture in Scotland, and Traditional Music.

Start Date

September

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

MA Hons

UCAS Code

VV92

Course Length

4 years

Faculty

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Department

Literatures, Languages and Cultures

Entry Requirements

2026 entry requirements

Standard entry:

4 Highers at ABBB (first sitting) or 4 or 5 Highers at AABBB/ABBBB (two sittings) plus English at National 5.

Widening access entry:

4 Highers at ABBB (two sittings) plus English at National 5. Highers at BBB must be achieved in one sitting.

SCQF Level

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