

Scottish Ethnology and Celtic

University of Edinburgh

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Content

This joint honours programme gives you the opportunity to study the languages, literatures and cultures of Scotland alongside the wider Celtic world, past and present.

A highlight of the programme is the chance to work with the rich range of materials in the School of Scottish Studies Archives. These include thousands of recordings in Scots, Gaelic, English, and dialects now extinct.

Year 1:

You will study Scottish cultural history, heritage, cultural expression and representation. Courses also look at literature, music and visual arts and how these are linked to Scottish identity. You will select at least one of the following pathways through the Celtic side of your programme - Scottish Gaelic language pathway or Celtic civilisation pathway.

Year 2:

You will study oral and visual representations of Scotland through music, song, art, photography and film and you will receive practical training in ethnographic fieldwork techniques and ethics. You can choose between continuing to study the Gaelic language, or studying Celtic literatures. Alternatively, you can continue to follow both pathways, especially if you are interested in taking both modern and medieval Celtic courses in your honours years.

Year 3:

You will choose from options such as Ethnological Fieldwork Methods, Traditional Narrative, Cultural Revivalism, Traditional Song, Scotland and Heritage, and Traditional Drama. You will also take courses in Celtic - Modern or Medieval.

Year 4:

You will undertake a dissertation. If you write your dissertation in Scottish Ethnology, it can be based on either fieldwork or archival work. If you write your dissertation in Celtic, it will be on either a modern or medieval topic, depending on the pathway you have taken through the programme.

Start Date

September

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

MA Hons

UCAS Code

VQ95

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) preferably including Gaelic or another language other than English plus a language other than English at B and English at National 5.

Widening access entry:

4 Highers at ABBB (two sittings) preferably including Gaelic or another language other than English plus a language other than English at B and English at National 5. Highers at BBB must be achieved in one sitting.

SCQF Level

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