

Early Medieval Archaeology in Scotland

Early Medieval Archaeology in Scotland seeks to develop an understanding of the places and spaces in which medieval communities lived, worked and worshipped in what is now defined as Scotland.

The module concentrates on the period c.600 to c.1200 from a predominately archaeological perspective and seeks to provide you with an understanding of key themes of this period while developing essential skills required for studying early medieval societies. To this end, the module comprises introductory sessions and case study seminars highlighting seminal and current research (drawing on staff's own research).

Learning outcomes

- Explore and critique the nature, extent and limitations of the source material for the archaeology of Early Medieval Scotland.
- Critically engage with key themes of Medieval Archaeology in Scotland and be able to offer challenges to assumptions regarding them.
- Critically engage in debates surrounding the appreciation of Early Medieval Scotland within the wider European medieval world.
- Demonstrate a critical understanding of managing and interpreting archaeological evidence along with other sources.

Course schedule

- Introduction, definitions and sources.
- Key Themes in Scottish Early Medieval Archaeology
- The Archaeology of Scotland AD600-900
- Early medieval artefacts
- The archaeology of Vikings in Scotland AD800-1050
- Viking Burial
- Zooarchaeological evidence
- The Archaeology of Scotland AD900-1200
- Christianisation
- The Idea of Scotland
- Approaches to Early Medieval Archaeology

How to apply

If you wish to apply for this course then please email Dr Sarah Jane Gibbon – Sarahjane.Gibbon@uhi.ac.uk