

# Contemplating the Clearances

SCOTCAT Credits: 20

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The module deals with the Highland Clearances and their social, economic, cultural and political consequences. This includes both contemporary and more recent reactions to them. The module provides a long view of land issues in Scotland as well as addressing issues of how clearance history is represented in museums, public discourse and literature. The focus throughout is on Sutherland.

## Indicative Content

- The clearances in the Strath of Kildonan and Strathnaver
- Contemporary reaction to, and interpretations of, clearance
- The church and the clearances
- Emigration from Kildonan to Red River, Manitoba
- Land agitation and the Napier Commission
- Land raids and resettlement
- Treatment of the clearances in literature (Gaelic and English)

## Coursework

One Essay (2500-3000 words, 50%) – on the clearances and related events

One Essay (2500-3000 words, 50%) – on the impact and interpretation of the clearances

## Background Reading

Please enquire further through [history@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:history@uhi.ac.uk) should you wish a short list of background reading for this module. Prior to enrolling, each student will be issued with a Pre-Entry guide, which will outline this in more detail. Once enrolled as a student, you will also have access to a wide range of online learning resources including teaching notes, and a dedicated discussion board and 'chat' area for each module. You will also be able to enter an online resource base including links to our large and still-growing range of PDFs of digitised articles and chapters, as well as a steadily expanding collection of Ebooks.

## Fees and funding

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