

Primary Sources in History

SCOTCAT Credits: 20

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This module equips you with the skills required to analyse primary sources at masters level in history. Each week will involve the interrogation of primary materials, which will in turn raise historical and historiographical debates. You will also reflect critically on a range of documentary sources from archives as well as, for example, maps, literary, visual sources, the oral record and objects. It uses as its base, records relating to the history of the Highlands and Islands region, while also exploring materials and issues of general relevance to the theme.

Indicative Content

- Introduction to Archives and Primary Sources
- Personal Documents: Diaries and Memoirs
- Personal Documents: Letters
- Government Records
- Censuses and Statistical Records
- Estate Records
- Church Records
- Maps
- Genealogies
- Material Culture
- Folklore
- Oral History

Coursework

- One Primary Source Analysis (1500 words, 30%)
- One Essay (2500-3000 words, 60%)
- Oral Presentation via video-conference (15 minutes, 10%)

Fees and funding

See [UHI website](#).