

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS OLLI	
<i>BECOMING SCOTTISH AMERICANS</i> Fall 2020	
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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In the early 17th century settlers were sent to North America by the new 'British' King James 1st. He hoped to establish permanent colonies there. These early settlers included Scots from the Highlands and Lowlands who came, initially, as traders, trappers, planters and others as indentured servants and prisoners from religious and civil wars in Britain. Many settled, married with the native population rearing families establishing communities while often maintaining Scottish traditions. In the 18th and 19th centuries these early settlers were followed by others, some seeking a better life, some as banished plantation prisoners, some as soldiers and many fleeing poverty and persecution because of their beliefs or heritage often being dispossessed of their property and livelihood. In the 20th century another wave of immigrants arrived as a result of the industrial depression following the collapse of Scottish heavy industries and their affiliated raw materials suppliers. Although, as an ethnic group, the immigrant Scots were relatively small in number, they and their descendants were to help forge these United States and many were to create lasting impressions on the American landscape establishing economic, political and cultural legacies that are recognized and revered today. This is the story of those Scottish emigrants, their motivations, failures and successes as individuals and groups who took the risks and faced the challenges involved in becoming Scottish Americans.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Given regular involvement in course activities the student will be able to:

Knowledge Objectives

1. Itemize those cultural, political and economic factors that separated Scottish Highlanders from Scottish Lowlanders.

2. Distinguish among those epochs that had significant effects on emigration patterns from Scotland to America.
3. Identify early colonies in North America that were settled and sustained by Scottish immigrants.
4. Recount the names and accomplishments of Scottish immigrants who made significant contributions to the political, economic and cultural life of America.

COURSE MATERIALS AND TECHNICAL RESOURCES

This course will be delivered via ‘zoom.’ There is no required text for the course. However, it is strongly recommended that class participants have reliable access to the internet through personal computer, I Pad or smart phone.

Suggested support materials are listed in the week-by-week topics below. A more complete list of sources used for this course is located in the References.

COMMUNICATION WITH INSTRUCTOR

If you need to contact me the best way to reach me is through e-mail using the address listed on the first page of this syllabus. If you do not get a response from me within 24 hours, please follow up. On occasion messages get “buried” in my email box or misfiled to junk. Feel free also to call me if you like, also at the number listed on the first page.

RESEARCH AND INFORMATION GUIDANCE:

Local and University libraries will have many of the text references cited below. Also, Amazon sells many different texts and videos on Scottish political, economic and cultural life together with a broad array of materials related to Scottish immigration into North America.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Session	Topics Covered	Learning Activities	Suggested Readings
Part One 10/02/2020 10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course Orientation • Fueling Emigration Patterns up to 16th century 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion • Q&A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handout #1. Epochs • Handout #2. Clan Organization

Part Two 10/09/2020 10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emigration Patterns & Immigration Settlements in the 17th/18th Centuries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion • Q&A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handout #1. Epochs
Part Three 10/16/2020 10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emigration Patterns & Immigration Settlements in the 19th/20th Centuries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion • Q&A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handout # 1. Epochs. • Handout #3. A Brief History of Cape Breton
Part Four 10/23/2020 10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extolling the Virtues of America. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion • Q&A 	

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Dobson, D. Scottish Emigration to Colonial America. University of Georgia Press, Athens and London, 1994.

Herman, A. How the Scots Invented the Modern World. Crown Publishers, New York, 2001.

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A Brief History of Emigrants & Immigrants in Scotland-Research Guide 2. John Gray Centre, Library Museum Archive Archaeology, East Lothian

Scottish Americans

https://en.wikipedia/wiki/Scottish_Americans

Scottish Colonization of the Americas

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scottish_colonization_of_the_Americas

Ulster Scots People

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ulster_Scots_People