

## MARS/HIST 3F51 VIKING AND MEDIEVAL ISLE OF MAN MAY 2024

In May 2024, 22 Medieval and Renaissance Studies and History students embarked on a voyage of discovery to the Isle of Man, a small island in the middle of the Irish Sea with a rich history and heritage. Following a brief classroom session at Brock, we journeyed to the Island to experience history in its environment.

From the Sound in the south to Andreas in the north, from Peel in the west to our base in Douglas in the east, and from seashore to mountain, we covered the entire island in an amazing nine-day visit. We took in medieval castles, cathedrals, and abbeys; historic Tynwald Hill; early Christian and Viking age settlement sites, burials, and a chance to get up close and personal with unique early sculptures from 5 parish churches. Along the way, we also learned about the growth of Douglas and Castletown, the Island's unique constitutional position, the story of internment in World War II, Victorian tourism, railways, and waterwheels, native animal species - and we even experienced the beginning of the annual TT motorcycle races.



### **WHAT THE STUDENTS SAID:**

"This trip was an eye opening experience that changed my life." – Hudson

"This expedition was a unique and unforgettable opportunity to learn about a corner of the world that I knew little about, and now cannot wait to return to. " – Nick

"The study travel course to the Isle of Man was the perfect way to be fully immersed in history. The experience is unlike any other and I would highly recommend this type of experience to everyone in the future." – Derek

"Learning in castles is much more fun than in the classroom!" - Olivia

"The experiences from the study abroad course greatly helped me grow in confidence, both academically and personally." – Olivia

"This experience was life changing, and something I will remember and cherish forever. I would recommend a study travel course to anyone." – Erin

"This course allowed me to immerse myself in the historical sites and vibrant culture we studied in class, enriching my understanding of Viking and Medieval history in the Isle of Man. It also reminded me that history occurs in tangible places, affecting real people, a perspective which was strongly reinforced through this experiential learning journey." – Jess

"Studying in the Isle of Man not only impacted me as a student, but also as an individual, and showed me that history can truly be an immersive experience." – Antonia