The thesis presents the process of evolution of nationalism in Scotland. The question is asked whether a Scottish nation exists and what features characterise it and how far its history goes back. This thesis considers the possibility of establishment of Scotland as an independent state and examines the prospective form of that subject from the political and economical points of view.

The first part examines the evolution of Scottish nationalism mainly focusing on the formation and progression of the Scottish National Party, especially during 1960s and 1970s as the period of significant growth of its voters, on the process of devolution and institution of the Scottish Parliament after the SNP’s victory in the elections in 2007 and 2011.

The second part is focusing on the probability of formation of the independent Scottish state. Firstly, the SNP’s conception of the prospective Scotland is summed up and then the final version of the planned referendum is described. The important parts of this account also include research into public opinion and its conclusions.

The result of this thesis is understanding of the Scottish nation and its history as well as of the attitudes of Scotsmen to the issue considering their independence.