

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: MEDIA, THE PUBLIC AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Status: Definitive
Code: **4010LAWCJ** (116150)
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Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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Academic Level: FHEQ4 **Credit Value:** 24.00 **Total Delivered Hours:** 50.00
Total Learning Hours: 240 **Private Study:** 190

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	25.000
Tutorial	25.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Presentation	Group Pres	Presentation	50.0	
Essay	Essay	2,000 word essay	50.0	

Aims

To introduce students to debates between the media, crime and criminal justice.

To provide students with a fundamental understanding of the interactions and relationships apparent between the media, the public and the criminal justice arena.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Understand interpretations of the role and operation of the media.
- 2 Appreciate the relationship between the media, the public, crime and criminal justice.
- 3 Demonstrate a critical approach to understanding media representativeness of crime and criminal justice.
- 4 Appraise critically the content and context of media accounts of crime and criminal justice.
- 5 Appreciate the context of public engagement and the reasons and rationales surrounding this phenomenon.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Group Presentation	1	2	3	4	5
Essay	1	2	3	4	

Outline Syllabus

The media and its content (themes in fact and fiction)
Newsworthiness
Moral Panics
Public Attitudes of Crime and Justice
Fear of Crime
Caricatures I: Child Sexual Abuse
Caricatures II: Sex & Crime
Caricatures III: Perceptions of White Collars
Crime as learned behaviour
Reality TV
Rape in media
Public Engagement and Criminal Justice
Public Education
Public Information
Censorship, Morality & Decency
Cybercrime

Learning Activities

Lectures and tutorials.

Notes

The module introduces students to the impact of media on criminal justice. It will

show how the media influences 'common sense' assumptions and political decision making. It will also attempt to highlight the importance of public engagement in contemporary criminal justice landscapes and identify the key developments, issues and debates within this field.