

## Liverpool John Moores University

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Title: Introduction to Reporting  
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**Academic Level:** FHEQ4      **Credit Value:** 20      **Total Delivered Hours:** 36  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200      **Private Study:** 164

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12
Workshop	24

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Portfolio	Port	Portfolio of stories testing students' reporting abilities.	100	

### Aims

1. To develop the skills required to identify and source news stories, including finding contacts.
2. To develop the skills of effective interviewing.
3. To promote effective research skills in journalism.

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Identify source and research news stories.
- 2 Recognise the importance of building contacts and keeping a contacts list.
- 3 Plan and carry out basic journalistic interviews.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Portfolio	1	2	3
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## Outline Syllabus

*News values; sourcing news stories; basic journalism research; honing interview questions; interviewing skills.*

## Learning Activities

Workshops in which students will practice interviewing and press conferences and develop practical skills using appropriate sources of information. Seminars to critically analyse good practice and journalistic processes.

## Notes

The module is designed to teach the beginner-level skills of a trainee journalist, offering live exercises and classroom simulations.