

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: News Writing for Sports Journalists
Status: Definitive
Code: **4039JOURN** (126382)
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Owning School/Faculty: Liverpool Screen School
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Academic Level: FHEQ4
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 60
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 140

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12
Seminar	48

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Portfolio	Portfolio	Portfolio	80	
Report	Report	Sports Report	20	

Aims

1. Identify a news story and produce a well-structured report.
2. Produce accurate reports for print and online outlets.
3. Demonstrate an awareness of the importance of accuracy and language skills.
4. Acquire introductory skills in Sports Reporting.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Identify a news story recognising news values and suitability for target audience.
- 2 Produce accurate and grammatical news copy.
- 3 Structure a report in accordance with the news pyramid.
- 4 Demonstrate a basic understanding of writing a Sports Report

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Portfolio	1	2	3
Report	2	3	4

Outline Syllabus

What is news? Writing for print, including structure, introductions, quotations, sources, story treatments, spelling, grammar and punctuation. Use of language, accuracy and presentation. Writing a sports report.

Learning Activities

Lectures and seminars.

Notes

This module is designed to allow students to learn introductory skills in print and online journalism and introduce them to sports reporting.