

### Summary Information

<b>Module Code</b>	4046JOURN
<b>Formal Module Title</b>	Essential Law and Ethics
<b>Owning School</b>	Liverpool Screen School
<b>Career</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Credits</b>	20
<b>Academic level</b>	FHEQ Level 4
<b>Grading Schema</b>	40

### Module Contacts

#### Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
David Toomer	Yes	N/A

#### Module Team Member

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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#### Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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### Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Liverpool Screen School

### Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
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Lecture	22
Seminar	22

## Module Offering(s)

Offering Code	Location	Start Month	Duration
JAN-MTP	MTP	January	12 Weeks

## Aims and Outcomes

<b>Aims</b>	To equip students with the knowledge of how media law and regulation will affect the day-to-day work of journalists in a variety of roles To give students an understanding of the many ethical issues which confront journalists in their day-to-day work and their impact on society To provide students with the skills necessary work in the media within legal and ethical frameworks
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## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Code	Description
MLO1	Demonstrate knowledge of the legal system, the courts processes, terminology and hierarchy of the courts
MLO2	Recognise the general principles and application of key laws affecting journalists including defamation, contempt of court, confidentiality and copyright
MLO3	Explain the ethical frameworks established by industry codes and how they apply to key issues facing journalists
MLO4	Apply the provisions of regulatory codes to particular scenarios and demonstrate an understanding of the importance of honouring the spirit of the codes as well as specific provisions.

## Module Content

<b>Outline Syllabus</b>
Basic knowledge of the English legal system, including of court processes the hierarchy of the courts; Contempt of court and related matters; the rules of the court protecting anonymity in the reporting of children and sexual offences; defamation and related matters; copyright; privacy and confidentiality; regulation – the role of the Editors' Code and the Broadcast Code; ethics in newsgathering – including reporting children and vulnerable people; protecting journalists' sources and the right to report.

## Module Overview

**Additional Information**

This module will prepare students for the NCTJ professional diploma examinations in Essential Media Law and Broadcast Regulation

**Assessments**

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	Essay	50	0	MLO3, MLO2
Exam	Exam	50	2	MLO3, MLO1, MLO2, MLO4