

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Democracy, Journalism and the Public Sphere
Status: Definitive but changes made
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Arts, Professional and Social Studies

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Academic Level: FHEQ5
Credit Value: 24.00
Total Delivered Hours: 72.00
Total Learning Hours: 240
Private Study: 168

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Summer

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	24.000
Seminar	24.000
Workshop	24.000

Grading Basis: 50 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	ESSAY		50.0	
Report	REPORT		50.0	

Aims

To enhance student's research abilities in the course of critically exploring the institutions, process and products of journalism.

To examine the role of the Government in a variety of media and cultural events, policy and lived experience

To identify the avenues by which rational communicative action is facilitated in an increasingly commercialized public sphere

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Analyse the relationship between the Government and the production of news
- 2 Evaluate the influence of journalism on the reception of mass communication texts

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

ESSAY	1
REPORT	2

Outline Syllabus

Approaches to the construction of news audiences and producers
The political economy of news: ownership, multi-nationals and the regulation of news
News as discourse: ideology, power and representations
Habermas and [the]Public Sphere
citizenship

Learning Activities

Lectures, tutorials and workshop exercises.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Jim McGuigan
Publishing Year	1996
Title	Culture and The Public Sphere
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Sage
ISBN	041511263X

Course Material	Book
Author	Géraldine Muhlmann , Jean Birrel
Publishing Year	2010
Title	Democracy and Journalism
Subtitle	
Edition	

Publisher	Polity Press
ISBN	0745644732

Notes

This module explores the relationship between state and journalism.