Liverpool John Moores University

Title: REPORTING UK POLITICS

Status: Definitive

Code: **5009JOURN** (110785)

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Owning School/Faculty: Liverpool Screen School Teaching School/Faculty: Liverpool Screen School

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Academic Credit Total

Level: FHEQ5 Value: 24.00 Delivered 74.00

Hours:

Total Private

Learning 240 Study: 166

Hours:

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	24.000
Seminar	48.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short	Description	Weighting	Exam
	Description		(%)	Duration
Practice	AS 1	1,500 Research Project	10.0	
Portfolio	AS 2	Individual project into an investigation in the reporting of politics in the UK, including a 2,000 word written report and 15 minute presentation.	40.0	
Exam	AS 3	2 X 1 HOUR EXAMINATION	50.0	2.00

Aims

Students will gain a knowledge and understanding of UK national and local Government, including political systems, how they operate and the relations between different levels and forms of Government including the European Union, United

Nations and other key international political bodies.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate knowlege and understanding of Local government in the UK.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how the political processes and outcomes (including elections) are communicated to the public through the media.
- 2 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of National UK government.
- 3 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Regional UK government.
- 4 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of European Union.
- 5 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the process and reporting of elections.
- 6 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of United Nations and other key international political institutions.
- 7 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Government finance (including PFI).
- 8 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of QUANGO's.
- 9 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of NGOs, including health trusts, trade unions and other forms and fora of political activity.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Seminar contribution 5 10

Portfolio - project & 5 10

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Examination -2 hrs 1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9

Outline Syllabus

Local Government; regional governance; elections; national government; European Union; United Nations;

Government finance;including PFI; QUANGOs; NGOs,including health trusts and trade unions;political communication and reporting of political processes (including elections).

Learning Activities

Lectures and Seminars.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Franklin, B
Publishing Year	2004

Title	Packaging Politics
Subtitle	
Edition	2nd Edition
Publisher	Arnold
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Jones, B. (ed.)
Publishing Year	2006
Title	Politics UK
Subtitle	
Edition	6th Edition
Publisher	Pearson Education
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Morrison, J.
Publishing Year	2009
Title	Public Affairs for Journalists
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Oxford University Press
ISBN	

Notes

This module is designed to develop students understanding of political systems and public administration in the UK. It covers, amongst other things, the NCTJ's Public Administration syllabus as well as the syllabus required for the BJTC, hence the number of learning outcomes required. Students taking this module should be able to pass the NCTJ PA exams well as matching the PA requirements for the BJTC. This module is not compensatable. All assessment elements in this module must be passed.