

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: UK Law and Ethics for Journalists
Status: Definitive
Code: **5034JOURN** (123436)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021

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

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Academic Level: FHEQ5
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 50
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 150

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	24
Seminar	24

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Essay	Essay - 2000 words	50	
Exam	Exam	Exam - 2 Hours	50	2

Aims

1. A critical understanding of law and ethics as it affects journalism.
2. Familiarise students with industry codes of practice.
3. Develop a thorough understanding of the regulatory, theoretical and practical issues involved in reporting legal proceedings.
4. Develop the ability to critically analyse problems of law and ethics and present appropriate solutions.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate knowledge of key concepts of law affecting journalism.
- 2 Demonstrate critical understanding of ethical frameworks and codes governing the press and related media and their effects on Journalism.
- 3 Evaluate and present principles of law and ethics underlying Journalism from sources, including case studies to support arguments with proper referencing of material.
- 4 Use structured and coherent arguments in the discussion of the relationship between ethics, the law and Journalism practice in the UK

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Essay - 2000 Words	1	2	3	4
Exam	1	2	4	

Outline Syllabus

Understand the working of law courts and tribunals; contempt, defamation; copyright; human rights; data protection; press freedom; censorship; harm and offence; official secrets; race and discrimination; broadcast regulation.

Learning Activities

Lectures and seminars.

Notes

Students will gain knowledge and understanding of media law, ethics and regulation. They will also research the codes of practice and how they affect journalists in the UK.