

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	5034JOURN
Formal Module Title	UK Law and Ethics for Journalists
Owning School	Liverpool Screen School
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 5
Grading Schema	40

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Liverpool Screen School

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	24
Seminar	24

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
JAN-MTP	MTP	January	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

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.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Demonstrate knowledge of key concepts of law affecting journalism.
MLO2	2	Demonstrate critical understanding of ethical frameworks and codes governing the press and related media and their effects on Journalism.
MLO3	3	Evaluate and present principles of law and ethics underlying Journalism from sources, including case studies to support arguments with proper referencing of material.
MLO4	4	Use structured and coherent arguments in the discussion of the relationship between ethics, the law and Journalism practice in the UK

Module Content

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.
Module Overview	This module enables you to gain knowledge and understanding of media law, ethics and regulation. You will also research the codes of practice and how they affect journalists in the UK.
Additional Information	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.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	Essay - 2000 Words	50	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4
Centralised Exam	Exam	50	2	MLO1, MLO2, MLO4

Module Contacts

Module Leader

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

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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