

Reporting UK Politics

Module Information

2022.01, Approved

Summary Information

Module Code	5042JOURN
Formal Module Title	Reporting UK Politics
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	22
Seminar	22

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
SEP-MTP	MTP	September	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	To provide knowledge and understanding of the structures and powers of UK national and local government important for the work of journalists To equip students to critically evaluate the main issues and debates in the reporting of politics in the UK To enable students to apply knowledge of political institutions to the reporting of those institutions
------	--

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Apply core knowledge and understanding of how local and central government work.
MLO2	2	Explain how journalists find and tell stories from central and local government settings.
MLO3	3	Discuss the main debates, issues and criticisms in the reporting of central and local government institutions.
MLO4	4	Analyse how journalistic techniques and practices can hold local and central government to account.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	The constitution, the monarch and devolution; The role of the government and parliament in the UK; Britain's relationship with Europe and its institutions; Local government structure and decision making; Holding central and local government to account – elections; Holding central and local government to account – the role of journalists – FOI and covering councils; Controlling money – The Treasury and the economy; Controlling money – local government finance; The structure and funding of the NHS Reporting on key services – education, children and adult services, planning and the environment, welfare, emergency services
Module Overview	
Additional Information	This module will prepare students for the NCTJ professional diploma examinations in Public Affairs for Journalists

Assessments

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