

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Media Law  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6300LAWBL** (127257)  
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021

Owning School/Faculty: Law  
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

| Team            | Leader |
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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6  
**Credit Value:** 20  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 44  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200  
**Private Study:** 156

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

| Component | Contact Hours |
|-----------|---------------|
| Lecture   | 16            |
| Online    | 16            |
| Seminar   | 5             |
| Tutorial  | 4             |

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

| Category | Short Description | Description   | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
|----------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Exam     | Exam              | 2.5 hour exam | 100           | 3             |

### Aims

*Develop a a critical understanding of media law*  
*Develop a critical understanding of the philosophy underpinning media law*  
*Support students in the development of the ability to critically apply case law in context*

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate a critical understanding of the philosophy underpinning areas of media law.
- 2 Critically evaluate and rationalise the case law.
- 3 Apply legal rules in their media law context.
- 4 Critically apply the case law.
- 5 Demonstrate critical use of published material in the field of media law.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

|      |   |   |   |   |   |
|------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Exam | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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## Outline Syllabus

*Freedom of Speech*

*Privacy*

*Official Secrets*

*Defamation*

*Press and Broadcasting Regulation*

*Contempt of Court*

## Learning Activities

Lectures

Seminars

Online Exercises

Tutorials (Drop in session)

Self-directed study

Preparation and completion of module assessments

Multimedia content

## Notes

Students taking this course have the opportunity to participate in wide-ranging but analytically precise discussions of media law. Through it, students may expect to develop some of the skills and dispositions of professionals in the field. An acquaintance with basic concepts of criminal law, public law and the law of

obligations is pre-supposed. This, in turn, facilitates a much deeper understanding of the subject.