

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: MEDIA ETHICS AND HUMAN RIGHTS
Status: Definitive
Code: **7006JOURN** (110820)
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Owning School/Faculty: Liverpool Screen School
Teaching School/Faculty: Liverpool Screen School

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Academic Level: FHEQ7
Credit Value: 20.00
Total Delivered Hours: 24.00
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 176

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12.000
Seminar	12.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	1 x 3000 word essay on human rights and their connection to professional morality	60.0	
Presentation	AS2	presentation to discuss an element of media restraint	40.0	

Aims

To give students the opportunity to examine Human Rights and their link to journalistic ethics. To allow students the opportunity to evaluate journalistic morality.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Know and understand the evolution of Human Rights and their implementation in law through the Human Rights Act 1998, the European Convention of Human Rights and statutory constitutions;
- 2 Critically analyse the place of human rights in journalistic codes of conduct;
- 3 Evaluate journalistic codes of conduct.
- 4 Be capable of synthesising human rights, media law and journalistic codes of conduct to cover a range of professional ethical problems.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

3000 word essay	1	2	3
Presentation	3	4	

Outline Syllabus

Human Rights Act, European Convention on Human Rights, US constitution (first amendment), journalistic codes of practice, privacy, intrusion, reputation, legal restraints on journalists, morals and ethics.

Learning Activities

Lectures, seminars, examination of case studies and contemporary issues and reading.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Frost, C.
Publishing Year	2007
Title	Media Ethics and Self Regulation
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Harlow, UK: Pearson
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Keeble, R.
Publishing Year	2003
Title	Ethics For Journalists
Subtitle	
Edition	

Publisher	London, UK: Routledge
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Nicol, A. et al
Publishing Year	2001
Title	Media Law and Human Rights
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London, UK: Blackstone Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Mill, J.S.
Publishing Year	1991
Title	On Liberty and other Essays
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London, UK: Penguin
ISBN	

Notes

This module is designed to give practitioners and others the opportunity to consider in depth the complex relationship between journalism, the law, journalistic codes of ethics and Human Rights in a modern democratic society. It will give students the tools to be able to analyse and evaluate complex journalistic problems and come up with their own solutions based on philosophical principles.