

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	7101JOURN
Formal Module Title	Media Law, Regulation and Court Reporting
Owning School	Liverpool Screen School
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Liverpool Screen School

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	22
Seminar	11

Module Offering(s)

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

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	1. To equip students with the knowledge of how media law and regulation will affect the day-to-day work of journalists in a variety of roles. 2. To equip students with the knowledge of how journalists cover court cases and comply with the law. 3. To give students an understanding of the many ethical issues which confront journalists in their day-to-day work and their impact on society
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Understand the legal system, the courts processes, terminology and hierarchy of the courts
MLO2	2	Understand and evaluate the general principles and application of key laws affecting journalists with a critical understanding of defamation, contempt of court, confidentiality, copyright.
MLO3	3	Apply in scenarios a critical understanding of how legislation affects how journalists cover court cases.
MLO4	4	Understand the ethical frameworks established by industry codes and how they apply to key issues facing journalists including the protection of the confidentiality of sources.
MLO5	5	Apply in scenarios the provisions of regulatory codes and demonstrate a critical understanding and evaluation of the importance of honouring the spirit of the codes as well as their specific provisions.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	Basic knowledge of the English legal system, including of court processes the hierarchy of the courts; Contempt of court and related matters; the rules of the court protecting anonymity in the reporting of children and sexual offences; reporting the courts – court procedure and reporting restrictions; open justice and challenging court orders; defamation and related matters; copyright; privacy and confidentiality; regulation – the role of the Editors’ Code and the Broadcast Code; ethics in newsgathering – including reporting children and vulnerable people; protecting journalists’ sources and the right to report
Module Overview	<p>This module covers basic knowledge of the English legal system, including of court processes the hierarchy of the courts; contempt of court and related matters; the rules of the court protecting anonymity in the reporting of children and sexual offences; reporting the courts – court procedure and reporting restrictions; open justice and challenging court orders; defamation and related matters; copyright; privacy and confidentiality; regulation – the role of the Editors’ Code and the Broadcast Code; ethics in newsgathering – including reporting children and vulnerable people; protecting journalists’ sources and the right to report.</p> <p>The module will prepare you for the NCTJ professional diploma examinations in Essential Media Law and Court Reporting.</p>
Additional Information	This module will prepare students for the NCTJ professional diploma examinations in Essential Media Law and Court Reporting

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	Essay	50	0	MLO2, MLO4
Centralised Exam	Exam	50	2	MLO1, MLO3, MLO4, MLO5

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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