

## Module Specification

### Module Summary Information

<b>1</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	Specialist Journalism and Investigations
<b>2</b>	<b>Module Credits</b>	20
<b>3</b>	<b>Module Level</b>	7
<b>4</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	MED7369

<b>5</b>	<b>Module Overview</b>
<p>Specialist journalism and Investigations aims to facilitate a flexible and adaptable skillset that provides a basis for students to critically adapt to any chosen field of reporting. It also provides a basis for the successful completion of the master's route project, and introduces potential avenues of practice-based inquiry for routes into PhD progression beyond.</p> <p>Increasingly, media workers and researchers are expected to be able to engage with an unfamiliar field, and interrogate large amounts of information. This module provides a framework to build the techniques for doing so, including an understanding of specialist and investigative reporting techniques as applied to a chosen field of interest (examples might include health, politics, education or culture) which is, as part of teaching and assessment, scoped and critically assessed for reporting opportunities.</p> <p>A mixed methods pedagogical approach is adopted, with lectures combined with hands-on workshops where students are supported in developing and reflecting on their own work within a contemporary context.</p> <p>Supplementary technical sessions may be required to provide specialist skills to a required professional standard. Work in this module links to the final project.</p>	

<b>6</b>	<b>Indicative Content</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshops and group activities are used to introduce the module content.</li> <li>• Workshops also focus on critical debate and discussion.</li> <li>• Directed study provides an opportunity for you to explore your own area of interest and further develop your skills and knowledge accordingly.</li> </ul>	

<b>7</b>	<b>Module Learning Outcomes</b>	
	<b>On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:</b>	
	<b>1</b>	Identify, articulate and critically assess information sources, systems, and issues within an identified field of reporting.
	<b>2</b>	Research and report stories in a specialist field using contemporary technologies for an identified audience.

<b>8</b>	<b>Module Assessment</b>		
<b>Learning Outcome</b>			
	<b>Coursework</b>	<b>Exam</b>	<b>In-Person</b>
<b>1 and 2</b>	<b>x</b>		

<b>9</b>	<b>Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities</b>	
<b>Learning Activities</b>	<b>Hours</b>	
<b>Scheduled Learning (SL)</b> includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	30	
<b>Directed Learning (DL)</b> includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	130	
<b>Private Study (PS)</b> includes preparation for exams	40	
<b>Total Study Hours:</b>	200	