

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Law, Regulation & Institutions
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	7
4	Module Code	MED7374

5	Module Overview
<p>Law, Regulation & Institutions focuses on key areas of the law and regulatory systems as they relate to the media, as well as allowing you to research those institutions which are important sources of news. The module will examine the ethical, regulatory and legal constraints under which journalists work. It will look in detail at issues including defamation, contempt of court and various reporting restrictions, human rights law, including the conflict between rights to privacy and to freedom of expression and copyright. It will enable you to develop a critical understanding of the limitations imposed by law and regulation on reporting and also look at those areas of law that work to protect journalists. You will develop a critical perspective on key debates in media law and regulation. The module will also introduce students to the core institutions of public life, particularly in the fields of politics, criminal justice, education, health and social welfare and business. You will conduct your own research into these areas as sources of news.</p> <p>The structure of the module will consist of lead lectures by academics and practitioners and workshop activities and discussions in which you will be encouraged to consider how the principles discussed in presentations will be practically applied within the context of your journalistic work. Readings and case studies will be available on Moodle as online resources.</p> <p>The module will be assessed through a media law examination and a presentation on a given area of public life which may be in broadcast, online or mobile format.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<p>Intro to Law, Regulation & Institutions and why they matter. The legal system and cases coming to court</p> <p>Contempt in all its guises (court reporting, young people and children sexual offences) injunctions and super injunctions; inciting crime, hate speech, discrimination Other reporting restrictions, sexual offences, young people. Crown Court reporting Defamation who it protects and how, defences to action, how it affects social media</p> <p>Examining and comparing media regulation codes; Introduction to Privacy Privacy, data protection and security (Paul Bradshaw); Leaks – case studies: Panama Papers, Snowden & Wikileaks Coroner's court visit Guest speakers from specified institutions and organisations</p>	

7	Module Learning Outcomes	
	On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:	
	1	To articulate and apply knowledge of the legal, regulatory and ethical legal constraints within which journalists operate.
	2	To articulate and apply knowledge and understanding of the structures of key areas of public life and of the current issues of debate within those institutions.

8	Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome			
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1		X	
2			X

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