

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Journalism in Society
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	4
4	Module Code	MED4164

5	Module Overview
<p>This module will introduce you to the workings of core institutions of public life, particularly in the fields of politics, criminal justice, education, health and social welfare and business. It will allow you to develop a deeper understanding of the importance of these areas and of important third sector organisations as sources of news.</p> <p>Through lectures and your own research you will become familiar with the current debates about issues affecting all the key bodies that manage important areas of everyday life and the relationships between them.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<p>Lead lectures will include sessions led by academic experts and senior figures from the institutions involved. You will also visit and report on local authority and other meetings. Your learning will at all times be linked to your newsgathering and reporting and you will be given formative feedback on a range of journalistic tasks related to 'public affairs'.</p>	

7	Module Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:	
1	Demonstrate through research a knowledge and understanding of the structures and working of key areas of public life.
2	Articulate a critical understanding of the wider context of organisations in the journalism landscape.

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