

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

Media Law

Reference	BS4217	Version	5
Created	February 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 10
Approved	June 2017	SCQF Points	15
Amended	June 2017	ECTS Points	7.5

### Aims of Module

To appraise students of the principles and concepts relating to the structure of the media industry and its regulation. To enable students to understand how the law impacts upon the activities of the media industry. To facilitate students' critical understanding of the media and the regulatory mechanisms that impinge upon it. To provide a framework for the critical analysis and evaluation of a specific aspect of media law.

### Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Discuss and evaluate ownership and accountability within the media industry.
- 2 Appraise the impact of regulatory mechanisms and the role of external agencies and judicial bodies in enforcing those mechanisms.
- 3 Analyse substantive legal issues pertaining to the control, content and dissemination of published material
- 4 Evince the ability to conduct critical legal analysis and evaluation within the field of media law

### Indicative Module Content

Freedom of the press and free expression; the influence of human rights jurisprudence; media structure and ownership; regulation and self-regulation; accuracy and intrusion; broadcast media;

### Module Delivery

This is a lecture and seminar based module. Lectures provide core module content. Seminars develop associated higher level skills through student centred learning.

**Indicative Student Workload**

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	36	36
Non-Contact Hours	114	114
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	150
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

**ASSESSMENT PLAN**

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

**Component 1**

Type: Coursework Weighting: 30% Outcomes Assessed: 4  
 Description: Written coursework exercise

**Component 2**

Type: Examination Weighting: 70% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Description: Written examination

**MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR****Explanatory Text**

The Module is assessed by two components: C1 - Coursework - 30% weighting. C2 - Examination - 70% weighting. Module Pass Mark = Grade D (40%)

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
<b>A</b>	At least 70% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>B</b>	At least 60% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>C</b>	At least 50% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>D</b>	At least 40% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>E</b>	At least 35% on weighted aggregate
<b>F</b>	Less than 35% on weighted aggregate
<b>NS</b>	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

**Module Requirements**

Prerequisites for Module	None.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

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