2019/0 - PPLM5051Y REPORTING THE NEWS: A PRACTICAL INTRODUCTION TO JOURNALISM

Full Year, Level 5 module
(Maximum 0 Students)
UCU: 40 Organiser: Mr Mark Wells
MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE
Module Type: Coursework and Project
Timetable Slot:A1/-F1

An introductory practical journalism module for students of politics or related topics who intend a career in journalism. You will cover the basic skills and knowledge of the reporter, news production skills, news values and news sources, professional and ethical standards, online presentation and writing, radio, video and TV reporting. The course will include interview techniques, and package creation for radio and TV news. You will take part in workshops on scripting for radio and TV, including writing to picture. You will also receive practical instruction in camera work and editing (including mobile journalism) and timeline video and audio editing. The teaching approach will be one three-hour workshop each week – allowing sufficient class time for workshop and production activities. A feature of the course will be regular and detailed review of mainstream media, including online news sites, local and national radio and TV broadcasts. Journalism is a rapidly changing profession, and lecture topics are frequently updated to reflect technical, practice, regulatory and other developments.

2019/0 - PPLX6042Y DISSERTATION MODULE

Full Year, Level 6 module
(Maximum 200 Students)
UCU: 30 Organiser: Dr Michael Gough
MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE
Module Type: Project
Timetable Slot:A1/

The dissertation module gives you the opportunity to undertake research on a project of your own choosing under the supervision of a member of academic staff. The goal is to produce a dissertation of 8,000-9,000 words, which involves in-depth research on a specialist topic. An undergraduate dissertation represents a piece of independent research produced over an extended period and which demonstrates elements of originality in the selection of the topic, the use of sources and the analysis or argument contained within it. It is an opportunity to demonstrate the depth of your understanding of what you have learned across your degree course by applying concepts and theories from one or several modules to new contexts. A limited number of parliamentary internships are also available as part of this module. You will be expected to attend a series of lectures in the autumn semester which provide general advice on the process of conducting a dissertation, as well as meeting your supervisor on a regular basis over the course of the year.