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| MA Multimedia Journalism  ORIENTATION WEEK – September 2019 | | |
| COURSE LEADER **WELCOME**  Congratulations on being accepted onto the MA Multimedia Journalism. My colleagues and I look forward to working with you and we will endeavor to ensure that your time with us will be creative, exciting and fulfilling.  During Orientation Week we will go through the course structure and timetable with you in detail. We have arranged a number of activities to help you settle in and prepare for your time with us. This will include familiarizing yourself with workspaces, who you will be working with, the campus and its community before you start the scheduled learning weeks.  We have also included a short list of books and other resources that will help you to get a good start in your studies pre-arrival, as well as a note on equipment and materials  We are already building our community online and you can access the class Facebook Page here:  **2019/2020 MA Multimedia Journalism, Westminster University**  <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2298750810360404/>  It is a closed group, so you need to request access via Facebook.  We look forward to seeing you in September! In the meantime, do email me if you have any questions or concerns.  Macintosh HD:Users:stevehill:Desktop:signature copy.png | | |
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| **READING LIST**  **THE BEST GENERAL TEXTBOOK:**  JOURNALISM: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE BY TONY HARCUP  **OTHER ESSENTIAL READING (BY MODULE):**  1. Multimedia Journalism Skills – *Mobile-First Journalism – Producing News For Social and Interactive Media* by Steve Hill (course leader, Westminster) and Paul Bradshaw (Birmingham City University).  2. Issues in Journalism **-** *Law for Journalists* by Frances Quinn  3. Broadcast News (broadcast pathway) - *The Broadcast Journalism Handbook* by Gary Hudson and Sarah Rowlands  4. News and Feature Writing (P&O pathway) - *Newswriting* by Anna McKane  **WEB SITES – ESSENTIAL BOOKMARKS**  **News sites**  It is essential to stay up to date with the news throughout the course. Read widely. All the following sites provide free access:  BBC News (www.bbc.co.uk/news)  The Guardian (www.guardian.co.uk),  Daily Mail (www.dailymail.co.uk)  The Daily Mirror (www.mirror.co.uk).  BuzzFeed (www.buzzfeed.co.uk)  Vice (www.vice.com)  **Journalism News**  Understand the key challenges in modern journalism:  Journalism.co.uk (www.journalism.co.uk)  Press Gazette (www.pressgazette.co.uk/)  Columbia Journalism Review (www.cjr.org/)  Poynter Institute (www.poynter.org/)  Reuters Institute - https://reutersinstitute.politics.ox.ac.uk/ | | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION **Social Media**  We use social media a lot on the course – most notably Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram. So, if you don’t have accounts already, it is worth setting them up. LinkedIn is good for journalism jobs / placements.  **Equipment**  All equipment is provided.  However, we do recommend Apple products for those looking to purchase a laptop, as our newsrooms are equipped with these. Students get a very good educational discount and Apple often has promotions during September and October. The campus has fast and free Wi-Fi throughout via EduRoam. A reporter is never complete without a diary and notebook, even in the digital age!  **Work Placement**  There is a requirement to get a minimum of 15 working days placement. This should be done between October 2019 and July 2020. P/T students have two years to do it. We will support you in finding your placement. | | |
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