

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: LAW-385 Law Relating to Intellectual Property

Department: Law

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
LAW-385	Law Relating to Intellectual Property	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	Sophomore standing
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Law	Upper Division	English

Course Description

During the course, the student will cover the following:

1. Justifications for intellectual property rights
2. Remedies in intellectual property actions.
3. Sources of IP law. International conventions, statutes, etc.
4. Confidential information: theoretical bases, elements of action. Nature of protected information. Infringement and defences.
5. Copyright: definition, nature and types of protected works. Creation and ownership of works. Qualification for protection. Duration of rights. Infringement and remedies.
6. Registered trade marks: definition and nature of a trade mark, ownership, registration process. Infringement and defences.
7. Patents: applying for, types, conditions for the grant of a patent, ownership. Infringement and remedies. Exploitation through licensing.
8. IPR and the internet: nature of the problem, infringement, defences, remedies, conflicts of jurisdictions

Instructor

Mrs Stephanie Lualhe Shaelou

Course Aims and Objectives

This course is designed to examine the nature of patents, copyrights, trademarks and personal data and the creation of rights deriving there from, their extent and duration. Ownership of rights, transfer of ownership and licensing will be studied. The protection of those rights both internationally and within the European Union will be considered, with a particular emphasis on trade secrets and patents. The availability of remedies for infringement of intellectual property rights also forms an important part of the course. This will include also infringement of IPR on the internet.

Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through a mixture of lectures, discussions, presentations, and problem-solving activities.

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours (30 hours of lectures, 12 hours of seminars/tutorials and student-led presentation/seminars). The course is delivered during the Fall semester in 14 weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

Assigned work:	25%
Interim tests:	25%
Final Exam:	50%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

Cornish W. & Llewelyn D., Intellectual Property: patents, copyrights, trade marks and allied rights, Sweet & Maxwell, 2003

Holyoak & Torremans, Intellectual Property Law, 3rd ed., Butterworths, October 2001