

# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW (IPLAW)

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## IPLAW 951: Internet Law

3 Credits

This course presents the range of legal issues arising from the emergence of cyberspace. The course considers how the law has reacted to challenges posed by the Internet as well as how the law is shaping its future. Specific areas covered include jurisdictional analysis, First Amendment/free speech, digital copyrights, trademarks and domain names, electronic privacy, e-commerce, and Internet governance.

## IPLAW 952: Introduction to Intellectual Property

3 Credits

Introduction to Intellectual Property (IP) is a survey of the legal protection of proprietary rights in scientific and technological inventions, artistic and literary creations, trademarks, trade secrets, and other intangible intellectual products. The theoretical bases for intellectual property rights are analyzed, while the specific legal regimes of patent, copyright, trademark, and trade secret law are taught individually. The course considers the ongoing challenges to traditional legal paradigms for intellectual property that are posed by new modes of technological and creative production, including artificial intelligence. The course offers an overview of the critical field of IP law for those planning careers in other fields. For those planning an IP career, the course offers a comparative treatment of the various branches of IP law. This course is not a prerequisite for or a substitute for the full-semester courses in Copyrights, Patent Law, or Trademarks.

## IPLAW 960: Copyrights

3 Credits

The course addresses the legal protection afforded to authors and artists under common law and statutory copyright. It considers the rights granted, procedure for their procurement, and protection through litigation. The course also deals with international rights, conveyancing, and interface with the antitrust laws.

## IPLAW 980: Patent Law

3 Credits

This course is an examination of the legal requirements for obtaining patent protection for an invention. The statutory foundations of United States patent law are examined through an analysis of patent prosecution practice and patent litigation. The course also considers United States patent practice in the context of international intellectual property law.

## IPLAW 982: Licensing of Intellectual Property

3 Credits

The retention of the intellectual property or the absolute transfer of such interests to other for purposes of economic exploitation is, however, declining in use and popularity. Rather, it has evolved that maximization of the holder's value in the intellectual property may, in some circumstances, be better achieved by sharing some of the rights, while retaining others. This is the topic of the course in the licensing of

intellectual property. The offering explores the myriad business, legal, and negotiating issues involved in the drafting and use of intellectual property licensing agreements.

**Prerequisite:** IPLAW 960; or IPLAW 985 ; or IPLAW 980 or receive specific permission of the faculty member after demonstrating special qualifications for the subject matter.

## IPLAW 985: Trademarks

2 Credits

The law of trademarks is central to the concept of fair dealing in the commercial environment. The history of common law and statutory trademarks is explored as well as registration, conveyancing and foreign rights. The course deals with the duty of the merchant to compete honestly and remedies for failure to do so.

## IPLAW 997: Special Topics

1-12 Credits/Maximum of 12

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