



Course Syllabus

Course Code LAW- 385	Course Title EU Intellectual Property Law	ECTS Credits 6
Prerequisites None	Department Law	Semester Spring
Type of Course Core	Field Law	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Lecturer Dr Irini Stamatoudi	Year of Study 3 rd /4 th
Mode of Delivery Face-to-Face	Work Placement N/A	Corequisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The main objective of the course is to explain the European Union legal framework of protection of intellectual property (IP) rights. International Conventions will also be explored to the extent they impact on EU IP law. In this context the different types of IP rights will be explained, such as copyright, patents, utility models, designs, trademarks, geographical indications and appellations of origin, and trade secrets. The focus will be on issues of protected subject matter, ownership, duration, economic rights, moral rights (where applicable), exceptions and limitations, issues of exploitation, enforcement and so on. The course will also deal with issues relating to the Internet and new technologies. Concerning copyright the Greek example in conjunction with comparative elements will be examined as EU law takes a piecemeal approach and does not offer full harmonisation in the area.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

- Understand the notion of intellectual property (IP)
- Distinguish between copyright and industrial property law
- understand the EU legal framework for the protection of IP rights
- understand how the international legal framework on the protection of IP has impacted on EU law
- understand the basic notions and principles underlying IP rights

- understand what is protected and why it is protected
- Identify the different types of IP rights
- appreciate what is the best protection possible and why
- explain what copyright is
- explain what a patent is
- explain what a utility model is
- explain what a design is
- explain what a trademark is
- explain what know how and trade secrets are
- explain how all the above are protected and whether there are any exceptions to their protection
- explain who the beneficiaries of protection are
- explain how IP are transferred and generally how they are exploited
- indicate how IP rights are enforced
- identify issues pertaining to the protection of IP on the Internet and the challenges the Internet sets for their protection

Course Contents:

Week 1: Introduction to IP law
Week 2: Copyright I (Basic principles, subject matter of protection, authorship/ownership)
Week 3: Copyright II (economic and moral rights, exceptions and limitations)
Week 4: Copyright III (enforcement, open initiatives and collective management)
Week 5: Patents I (Eligibility of protection and requirements)
Week 6: Patents II (rights and exceptions, issues of exploitation, sanctions and remedies) and Utility Models
Week 7: Mid-term Exam
Week 8: Designs
Week 9: Trademarks
Week 10: Geographical Indications and Appellations of Origin
Week 11: Know-how and Trade secrets
Week 12: IP case studies

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, discussion based on analysis of case-law and paradigms from other countries, comparative elements from other jurisdictions, case studies, mid-term exam, final exam

Assessment Methods:

Final Exam, Mid-term Exam, Attendance and participation

Required Textbooks / Reading:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
WIPO Intellectual Property Handbook: Policy, Law and Use http://www.wipo.int/about-ip/en/iprm/		WIPO		
Copyright Understanding Copyright and Related Rights, WIPO Publication http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pubdocs/en/wipo_pub_90_9_2016.pdf		WIPO		
Industrial Property Understanding Industrial Property Law, WIPO Publication http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pubdocs/en/wipo_pub_89_5_2016.pdf		WIPO		

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
European Union Copyright Law	I. Stamatoudi and P. Torremans	Edward Elgar Publishing	2014	978 1 78195 242 9
European Copyright Law: A Commentary	M. Walter and S. Von Lewinski	OUP	2010	9780199227327
EU Intellectual Property Law	T. Cook	OUP	2010	9781904501527
New Developments in EU and International Copyright Law	I. Stamatoudi (ed), Information Law Series. B. Hugenholtz (general editor)	Wolters Kluwer	2016	9789041159915
Copyright and the Digital Agenda for Europe: Current Regulations and Challenges for the Future	I. Stamatoudi (ed)	Sakkoulas Publications	2015	978-960-568-221-7
International Intellectual Property Law. Cases and Materials	P. Goldstein and Marketa Trimble Landova	Foundation Press	4 th ed., 2015	9781634592802
Greek Copyright Law	I. Stamatoudi and G. Koumantos	Sakkoulas Publications	2014	978-960-568-075-6
Commentary on the Greek Copyright Act (in Greek)	L. Kotsiris and I. Stamatoudi (eds)	Sakkoulas Publications	2 nd ed. 2012	978-960-445-820-2
Intellectual Property and European Union Competition Law.	I. Stamatoudi	Nomiki Vivliothiki	2006	960-272-374-2

Abuse of Dominant Position (in Greek)				
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Legislative Sources:

- European Union IP legislative materials (http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/top_layer/intellectual-property/index_en.htm)
- EUIPO (Trademarks, Designs) < <https://euipo.europa.eu/ohimportal/en>>
- EPO (Patents) < <https://www.epo.org/index.html>> and for the unitary patent < <https://www.epo.org/law-practice/unitary.html>>
- Greek legislative materials on copyright (www.opi.gr)
- Greek legislative materials on patents, utility models and industrial designs (www.obi.gr)
- Greek legislative materials on trademarks (www.gge.gr) (in Greek)
- For international treaties on IP see <http://www.wipo.int>