



UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code LAW-385	Course Title Law Relating to Intellectual Property	ECTS Credits 6
Department Law	Semester Fall/Spring	Prerequisites LAW-202, plus one other from LAW-212, LAW-242 and LAW-252/6
Type of Course Law Elective	Field Law	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 3 rd / 4 th	Lecturer(s) Dr. Stephanie Laulhé Shaelou
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

This course is designed to examine the nature of patents, copyrights, trademarks and personal data and the creation of rights deriving therefrom, 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 EU 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 course also considers infringements of IPR on the internet.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Explain the concept of IPR and its relationship with other areas of law;
2. Explain the ownership of IPR and why protection is needed;
3. Discuss the protection available nationally, at European level and internationally;
4. Identify the various types of IPR and their characteristics;
5. Evaluate the infringement of IPR and what remedies are appropriate;
6. Explain the licensing of IPR;
7. Assess the infringement of IPR on the internet.
8. Demonstrate some in-depth knowledge of specialist areas.

Course Content:

1. Themes in IP: Justification for IP rights; Sources of IP law
2. Patents: Origin, background and international aspects of the patent system; Patentability; Use and grant in the UK and Europe (Community patent); Supplementary protection; Infringement and revocation
3. Copyright and related issues: The various types of copyright and the quality issue; Qualification for protection; Authorship and ownership of copyrights and moral rights; Infringement and defences to copyright infringement; Dealing in copyright
4. Trade marks: Background, Passing off and misrepresentation; Trademarkability; Infringement and revocation; European and international aspects
5. Issues in IP: Tortious protection of IP rights; Remedies in IP litigation; Confidential information; Franchising and IP;
6. Computer technology, internet and IP: Nature of the problem; Infringement of IP rights on the internet; Defences and remedies; Conflicts of jurisdiction

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, tutorials, written examinations and assignments

Assessment Methods:

One written assignment, mid-term exam, final exam

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Cornish W	<i>Intellectual Property: patents, copyrights, trademarks and allied rights</i> (7 th ed)	Thomson/Sweet & Maxwell	2010
Christie A	<i>Blackstone's Statutes on Intellectual Property</i> (10 th ed)	OUP	2010

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Bainbridge D	<i>Intellectual Property</i>	Longman	2008
Aplin & Davis	<i>Intellectual Property Law: text, cases, and materials</i>	OUP	2009
Holyoak and Torremans	<i>Intellectual Property Law</i>	OUP	2008
Bently & Sherman	<i>Intellectual Property Law 3rd ed</i>	OUP	2008
Edwards & Waelde	<i>Law and the internet</i>	Hart	2009
Stokes	<i>Digital copyright</i>	Hart	2009
Dreyfuss, Zimmerman & First	<i>Working within the boundaries of Intellectual Property</i>	OUP	2010
Turner C	<i>IP and Competition law</i>	OUP	2010