



Course Syllabus

Course Code MLAW-515DE	Course Title Intellectual Property Law	ECTS Credits 10
Prerequisites None	Department Law	Semester Fall/Spring
Type of Course Elective	Field European Business Law	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 2 nd Cycle	Lecturer(s) Prof. Irini Stamatoudi	Year of Study 2 nd
Mode of Delivery Distance Learning	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Course Objectives:

The aim of the course is to evaluate and examine the Law on Intellectual Property Rights (N.59/1976). The course concentrates on an in-depth analysis of the legislation and the relative case law in Cyprus, Greece and UK. In addition, a discussion on several special types of works is made such as database, transmission of broadcast rights, computer programs.

A number of topics are analysed during the lectures such as the protection of intellectual property rights in the digital world, how the protection of intellectual property law interacts with the free movement of goods, competition law and employment law.

In addition to the theoretical analysis of the law, during the lectures practical issues are examined and discussed with reference to case law.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to understand:

1. The meaning and significance of the law on intellectual property rights.
2. The protection afforded by the law to the creator.
3. The International Conventions on Intellectual Property and the protection afforded by EC law.
4. The protection given to special types of categories such as computer programs, broadcast

transmission rights and database.

5. The meaning of trademarks and the application of the law on trademarks under national and EU Law.
6. The meaning of patents and its application under national and EU law,
7. The protection afforded in the digital world,
8. The protection afforded in academia,
9. The interplay between intellectual property law and competition law,
10. The interplay between intellectual property law and free movement of goods,
11. The interplay between intellectual property law and employment law,
12. Samsung v Apple and Apple v Samsung: “Apple v Samsung: Tech’s giants’ intellectual property wars”.
13. The protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and the Cyprus Case for Halloumi.

Course Contents:

1. Sources and Theoretical Foundations of Intellectual Property Law
2. Patent rights: National and international dimensions
3. Copyright, authors rights, collective management of intellectual property. The problem of originality. Infringement and defense. Rightful use.
4. Trademarks: Theory and Practice
5. Special issues of Intellectual Property. Franchising and branding.
6. New technologies and Law.

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Personal guidance, Case-study analysis, Video-streamed courses, Forum, Final exam

Assessment Methods:

Interim individual studies, Formative assessment activities, Final exam

Textbooks – Bibliography:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
<i>Greek Copyright Law</i>	G. Koumantos & I. Stamatoudi	Sakkoulas Editions, Athens – Thessaloniki	2014	
<i>International Copyright: Principles, Law and Practice, 4th ed.</i>	P. Goldstein and B. Hugenholtz	Oxford University Press	2019	
<i>Intellectual Property Law, 7th ed. [in Greek]</i>	L. Kotsiris	Sakkoulas	2017	
<i>European Copyright Law: A Commentary</i>	M. Walter & S. Von Lewinski (eds)	Oxford University Press, Oxford	2010	
<i>Concise European Copyright Law</i>	Th. Dreier & P.B. Hugenholtz (eds)	Kluwer Law International, The Netherlands, 2nd ed	2016	
<i>Intellectual Property and Relative Rights [in Greek]</i>	D. Kallinikou	P. N. Sakkoulas	2008	
<i>Intellectual Property [in Greek]</i>	M. Marinos	Ant. N. Sakkoulas	2004	
<i>Intellectual Property [in Greek]</i>	G. Koumantos	Ant. N. Sakkoulas	2002	