



Module Specification

Intellectual Property Law

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Intellectual Property Law

Module code: UJGUQN-15-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2024-25

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

College: College of Business and Law

School: CBL Bristol Law School

Partner institutions: None

Field: Law Postgraduate (Programmes)

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: This module explores the law relating to intellectual property (copyright and patents) from an international and European perspective.

Students will examine copyright and patents, analysing the justifications for and the policy behind intellectual property protection, and evaluating the protection involving new technology using a comparative analysis of US and European intellectual property law.

The assessment regime will provide students with the opportunity to explore intellectual property law, developing research and problem-solving skills.

Features: Opportunities to develop individual academic skills, research skills, and problem-solving skills.

Educational aims: This module will provide students with the opportunity to acquire a systematic understanding of international property from an international and European perspective.

Students will develop the ability to research and critically analyse the law and legal systems, and to create and interpret knowledge, as related to IP law, applying this in scholarly contexts.

Communication and problem-solving skills will be advanced.

Outline syllabus: The syllabus of the module reflects contemporary developments, law, or interests in the field, and so is subject to change. The following is an indicative list of topics to be explored:

Overview of intellectual property

Analysis of the justifications for and the policy behind intellectual property protection.

International instruments regarding intellectual property, focusing on the TRIPS Agreement

Copyright and patent protection involving new technology using a comparative analysis of US and European intellectual property law

Comparative analysis of US and European regulation of biotechnology patents, and software/business method patents

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: Lectures and 'spotlight' learning are delivered via online recordings. Self-guided independent learning is facilitated via tasks which codify and formatively assess understanding and skills. Reading lists are provided for every study unit. Opportunities to explore topics and substantiate understanding with a tutor and/or peers is provided via asynchronous discussion boards, virtual learning environments, and other media.

Students are required to engage with a wide range of primary and secondary legal and non-legal sources to further their understanding and skills.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 Evaluate international legal systems and communicate this effectively to a lay audience.

MO2 Undertake and communicate ethical and independent research on relevant topics

MO3 Evaluate and reflect on problem-solving including in complex scenarios.

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 126 hours

E-learning/online learning = 24 hours

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uiguqn-15-m.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uiguqn-15-m.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The module assessment is an individual written assessment of 3,000 words.

This will enable students to demonstrate module learning outcomes by working individually to undertake research, and demonstrate research skill and a systematic understanding of intellectual property law. The assessment sets a problem for students to solve.

The written assessment format allows students to demonstrate written communication skills.

Formative assessment opportunities will be as made available as and where appropriate for the module.

Referral assessments are of the same format/length as first attempts.

Assessment tasks:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Individual written assessment of 3,000 words.

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Individual written assessment of 3,000 words.

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

International Commercial Law [UWE Online] LLM 2024-25