

LAWS 7033 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 200980

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Description This subject provides an introduction and overview of the legal principles of intellectual property law in Australia. Students will consider the nature of intellectual property, the legal framework which contains it, and the ways in which it can be protected. The modules will cover the four major intellectual property regimes of trademarks, copyright, designs, and patents as well as issues relating to traditional knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Students will research the theoretical underpinnings of Intellectual Property Rights and whether they are fit for purpose in contemporary society.

School Law

Discipline Law, Not Elsewhere Classified.

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Check your HECS Band contribution amount via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Pre-requisite(s) Students enrolled in 2824 Master of Laws must have successfully completed the prerequisite subject LAWS 7027 Legal Philosophy and Methodology
Students enrolled in 2826 Juris Doctor must have successfully completed the prerequisite subject LAWS 7027 Legal Philosophy and Methodology and LAWS 7047 Contracts

Co-requisite(s) Students enrolled in 3748 Master of Information Governance must be enrolled in or have successfully completed the co-prerequisite subject LAWS 7009 Commercial Law

Incompatible Subjects LAWS 3032 Intellectual Property

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a postgraduate program

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Examine the fundamental principles of intellectual property law.
2. Apply principles of intellectual property law to complex factual circumstances or problems.
3. Communicate fundamental legal intellectual property advice creatively and accurately.
4. Apply research skills and critically evaluate the theoretical underpinnings of Intellectual Property

Subject Content

1. Overview of Intellectual Property Law
2. Copyright
3. Designs
4. Patents
5. Trademarks

6. Issues in relation to traditional knowledge for Indigenous Communities
7. Current developments and selected policy and/or international issues
8. Theoretical debates in Intellectual Property

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Item	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/Group Task
Poster	1 page	10	N	Individual
Report	1 500 words	20	N	Individual
Essay	2500 words	30	N	Individual
Final Exam	Online- 2,000 words	40	N	Individual

Prescribed Texts

- Sam Ricketson, Megan Richardson, Mark Davison, & Vicki Huang, Intellectual Property: Cases, Materials and Commentary (6th ed, LexisNexis Butterworths, 2020)

Teaching Periods

Spring Online

Online

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