

# LAWS 3032 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 200637

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**Description** This subject provides an introduction and overview of the legal principles of intellectual property law, and traces the development of this law in Australia. It is designed as an introductory survey subject for undergraduate law students. Students will be considering the nature of intellectual property, the legal framework which contains it, the ways in which it can be protected and the reasons why it might seem important to our society to uphold intellectual property rights. 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.

**School** Law

**Discipline** Law, Not Elsewhere Classified.

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

**Pre-requisite(s)** LAWS 2003

**Incompatible Subjects** LAWS 3060 - Protecting Ideas LAWS 7033 - Securing Ideas

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Examine the fundamental principles of intellectual property law.
2. Examine the current policy debates and law reform issues in intellectual property law.
3. Apply principles of intellectual property law to complex factual circumstances or problems.
4. Communicate fundamental legal intellectual property advice creatively and accurately.

## Subject Content

Overview of Intellectual Property Law

Copyright

Designs

Patents

Trademarks

Issues in relation to traditional knowledge for Indigenous Communities

Current developments and selected policy and/or international issues

## 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.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Participation	Weekly participation	10	N	Individual	N
Poster	One page	15	N	Individual	N
Reflection	1,500 words	30	N	Individual	N
Viva Voce	20 minutes	45	N	Individual	N

### Prescribed Texts

- Sam Ricketson, Megan Richardson, Mark Davison, & Vicki Huang, *Intellectual Property: Cases, Materials and Commentray* (7th ed, LexisNexis, 2024) (6th edition is acceptable).

### Teaching Periods

## Autumn (2025)

### Parramatta - Victoria Rd

#### On-site

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