

LAWS 7033 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Credit Points 10

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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 fees 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 and LAWS 7078 Principles of Private Law. 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) -

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.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Poster	1 page	10	N	Individual	N
Report	2500 words	35	N	Individual	N
Participation	During class over the semester	10	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 Commentary (7th ed, LexisNexis, 2024) (6th edition is also acceptable).

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

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