

Intellectual Property Concentration Requirements

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Enroll online: [Academic Concentration - Notice of Enrollment Form link](#).

Core Courses

1. Introductory Sequence

All students are required to take the following entry level course. It is strongly recommended that students take this course before taking any other Intellectual Property Concentration courses:

- Intellectual Property Survey: 3 credits.

All students must also take two (2) of the following four (4) courses by the time of graduation:

- Copyright Law: 3 credits.
- Patent Law: 3 credits.
- Trade Secrets Protection and Exploitation: 2 credits.
- Trademark Law: 3 credits.

2. Skills/Experiential Learning Courses

In addition to the Introductory Sequence, students must take at least one (1) skills/experiential learning course chosen from the following approved list:

- Advanced Legal Writing: Intellectual Property Litigation: 3 credits.
- Directed Study in Intellectual Property: 2 credits.
- Externship in an Intellectual Property Field*: 2/3 credits.
 - **Please Note: This course is graded on a credit/no credit basis and student participation, and is subject to prior approval by one of the Concentration Faculty Directors.*
- Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic: 5 credits.
- Intellectual Property and Licensing: 2 credits.
- Intellectual Property or Patent Law Thesis: 2 credits.
 - **Please Note: The Thesis may be graded on either a credit/no credit or letter grade basis, at the discretion of the faculty member serving as the Thesis advisor. Students must obtain prior approval from their Thesis advisor before registering for the Thesis course.*
- *Intellectual Property Transactional Skills: 2 credits.*
- Journal of High Technology Law*: 2 credits.
 - **Please Note: This course is graded on a credit/no credit basis and is subject to the student being selected as a journal staff member. Once on the journal, staff members must complete required work and have it certified by the journal's advisors, Professors Rustad*

and Beckerman-Rodau. Staff members may only count two (2) credits of journal work toward completion of the IP Law Concentration, even though they may receive additional credits for completion of the J.D. degree.

- Participation in:
 - Giles Rich Patent Law Moot Court Competition: 2 credits.
 - Saul Lefkowitz Trademark Moot Court Competition: 2 credits.
 - *Please Note: These courses are graded on a credit/no credit basis and participation is subject to being selected as a team member.*
- Patent Litigation Practice: 2 credits.
- Patent Prosecution I: Drafting: 2 credits.
- Patent Prosecution II: PTO Practice: 2 credits.
- Patent Law: Post Grant Practice (not offered in 2019-2020): 2 credits.
- Research Assistant: 2 credits.
 - *Please Note: This course is graded on a credit/no credit basis and is subject to the student being selected as a research assistant for a full-time faculty member conducting research in an intellectual property law field.*
- Trademark Practice: PTO: 2 credits.
- Transactional Skills:IP (not offered in 2019-2020): 2 credits.

3. Advanced IP Electives Menu

Students must take additional Intellectual Property courses, including at least one course from the following list, in compiling their eighteen (18) credits for the IP Law Concentration.

- Antitrust: 3 credits
- Biotech Patent Law (not offered in 2019-2020): 2 credits
- Directed Study Project: 2 credits
 - *Please Note: This course requires prior approval by one of the Concentration Faculty Directors.*
- E-Discovery Law: 2 credits
- Emerging Issues in Law, Information Technology and Transnational Business: 2 credits
- Entertainment Law: 2 credits
- Entrepreneurship, Venture Capital, and the Law: 3 credits
- European Union (not offered 2019-2020): 3 credits
- International Business Transactions: 3 credits
- Intellectual Property Thesis: 2 credits
- International Intellectual Property: Copyright: 2 credits
- International Trade Law (not offered 2019-2020): 3 credits
- Sports Law: 2 credits

Intellectual Property Law Concentration Courses

Fall 2019

| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|--|
| 11-12:25pm | None | Transactional Skills (Ferrey) | None | Transactional Skills (Ferrey) |
| 4:00-5:50PM | Transactional Skills (Gibson)(until 5:25pm) | Entertainment Law (Gaglini) | Transactional Skills (Gibson)(until 5:25pm) | Intellectual Property Clinic Seminar (by acceptance)(Darden) |
| | | | Patent Prosecution (Teska) | |
| 4:30-5:55PM | IP Survey (McJohn) (Required concentration course) | None | IP Survey (McJohn) (Required concentration course) | None |
| 6-7:25pm | Antitrust (Robertson) | None | Antitrust (until 7:25pm) (Robertson) | None |
| | Trademark Law (Bauer) | | Trademark Law (Bauer) | |
| | | | E-Discovery (Koss)(until 7:50PM) | |
| 8-9:25pm | Int'l Business Trans (Gibson) | None | Int'l Business Trans (Gibson) | None |
| | | | Emerging Issues IT (Rustad) (until 9:50pm) | |

Spring 2020

| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| 12:00pm-1:25pm | Copyright (Curtin) | Transactional Skills (Newhouse) | Copyright (Curtin) | Transactional Skills (Newhouse) |
| 2:00-3:25pm | Entrepreneurship (Lipshaw) | None | Entrepreneurship (Lipshaw) | None |
| 4:00-5:50PM | Antitrust (until 5:25pm)(Robertson) | Trademark Practice: PTO (Darden) | Antitrust (until 5:25pm)(Robertson) | Patent Prosecution II (Teska) |
| | | | | Intellectual Property Clinic Seminar (by acceptance)(Darden) |
| 6-7:25pm | BioMed (Rodwin) | Advanced Legal Writing: IP (hybrid) (O'Leary) | BioMed (Rodwin) | Patent Litigation (Swain) (until 7:50pm) |
| | Patent Law (Beckerman-Rodau) | | Patent Law (Beckerman-Rodau) | |
| | Trade Secrets (until 7:50pm) (Bauer) | | International IP: Copyright (Seeley) (until 7:50pm) | |
| 8-9:25pm | IP & Licensing (McJohn)(until 9:50pm) | Transactional Skills (Pierce) | Intellectual Property (Hybrid) (Beckerman-Rodau) (Required for concentration) | Transactional Skills (Pierce) |

Please note that due to faculty availability, the schedule is subject to change.

Courses that rotate between day and evening times each year:

- Advanced Legal Writing: IP
- Patent Prosecution I
- Patent Prosecution II
- Trademark Practice
- Trade Secrets

Please note that Sports Law will likely be added to Spring 2020, time and instructor to be announced.