



**RIGA
GRADUATE
SCHOOL OF
LAW**

Course Outline

Course number	RTL 102					
Course title	Intellectual Property Law & Technology					
Credit points	3 ECTS (2 CP)					
Total hours	75					
Contact hours	24					
Independent studies	51					
Course level	Master's					
Prerequisites	None					
Category	Mandatory	x	Restricted elective		Free elective	x

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
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COURSE ABSTRACT

Intellectual property, innovation, creativity and competition are inherently interconnected. A modern business is inevitably linked to intellectual property, whether in the technology or creative and entertainment sectors.

Intellectual property protection, which serves to allocate rights to authors and inventors, is instrumental in incentivising investment in novel creations, whether they pertain to the technical or aesthetic domains. The establishment of intellectual property rights is attributed to the imperative to avert market failures, with the investment-securing function constituting the primary objective of these rights.

The advent of globalisation, digitalisation, artificial intelligence, and the pursuit of enhanced sustainability and equity are the hallmarks of the contemporary discourse in this field.

Based on a research-based approach, this course introduces students to intellectual property rights against the backdrop of contemporary technological advances and how these are accommodated by the relevant regulations, with reflections from practice and the latest debates from academic scholarship.

It is essential for innovative businesses to consider a number of questions when developing new products, services, designs and trademarks. Similarly, any creative person should be aware of the rights arising from the creation of artistic or aesthetic works.

Firstly, it is important to understand what is covered by the term 'intellectual property' and how it can be protected. It should be noted that the answers to this question may vary in different jurisdictions depending on the specific details of the case. In addition, it is important to consider how a rightholder can protect intellectual property and how intellectual property can be used to support the goal of sustainability or other goals currently on the political agenda. These questions and many more will be explored in an interactive way during the course.

GRADING CRITERIA

<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Weighting</i>
Online exam	60%
Course paper	40%

COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS

<i>No.</i>	<i>Main subjects</i>	<i>Planned hours</i>
1	IP institutional and legal framework, dispute resolution	3
2	Patents, plant variety rights and trade secrets	7
3	Trademarks & Geographical indications	4
4	Design rights	2
5	Copyrights	6

6	The Domain Name System and enforcement of rights	2
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