

Course Outline

Course number	RBB408				
Course title	Intellectual Property Law				
Credit points	3 ECTS (2 LV)				
Total hours	80				
Lecture hours	24				
Seminar and other hours	8				
Course level	Bachelor's				
Prerequisites	None				
Category	Mandatory	X	Restricted elective		Free elective

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Laura Valtere	Mag. Iur. LL.M (Munich), Dr. cand.	Visiting lecturer

COURSE TEACHERS

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

The aim of the course is to provide foundational knowledge on the most important aspects of IPR such as history and rationale of intellectual property, types of intellectual property rights, justification theories, main principles, sources of laws, granting authorities, granting or validity requirements for the different IP rights, scope of protection and rights granted, exceptions and limitations. A last section will deal with new developments in the legislation as well as in the case law, such as for instance the establishment of a transnational court specialised in patent law (Unified Patent Court) which should come into operation in 2023.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course has the following main objectives:

Knowledge:

1. Comprehensive general knowledge on IPR foundations (types of IP rights, history, sources of laws, rationale, justification theories)
2. Specific knowledge on IP protection subject matters (patents, copyrights, trademarks and other IPRs)

Skills:

1. Students have improved critical thinking and problem solving and are able to provide well-argued written and/or verbal opinions about legal issues
2. Students have improved oral and written communication and presentation skills as well as independent research skills

Competencies:

1. Students are able to orient themselves in the IPR system and analyse the eligibility for obtaining protection by presenting their seminar works or discussing arguments “on demand” when providing the answers on the inquiry of IPR foundations and legal framework and when analysing fictional cases (*casus*). Students are *inter alia* able to compare different aspects of various IPRs; know the justification theories and legal principles and are able to apply them when analysing existing IPRs as well as potential new protection subject matters
2. Students are able to discuss and determine infringement and possible exceptions/limitations

GRADING CRITERIA

Criteria	Weighting
1 mandatory seminar (3x 90 min)	30%
1 test	20%
1 final exam	50%

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to be present on the seminar day, for the intermediary test and for at least 60% of lectures (7 of 12 lectures) to be permitted to take the final exam. For the seminar students will be required to prepare seminar assignment to be presented at the seminar. The written seminar paper is maximum 10 pages (text body) and presentation time is 5 min followed by 3 min questions and discussions. Seminar work (paper + activity) will be graded. Seminar topics will be offered at the first lecture. Students are expected to participate actively in the seminar, be prepared to answer questions about the content of previous lectures and be ready to be involved in discussions. The seminar work and activity compose 30% of the final grade. There is one intermediary test which is 20% of the final grade and final exam - 50%. The intermediary test and the seminar work cannot be re-taken if graded below 4. If a final exam is

graded below 4, it is possible to re-take it once. If the average grade of all three assignments is negative, a student needs to re-take the course.

COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS

No.	<i>Main subjects</i>	<i>Planned hours</i>
1.	Foundations of intellectual property law	2
2.	Patents	8
3.	Copyrights	6
4.	Trademarks	4
5.	Geographic indications and databases	2
6.	Other intellectual property rights	2