

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CERTIFICATE GUIDELINES

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A student must satisfactorily complete at least 21 units of Intellectual Property-related courses as specified below to earn an Intellectual Property Certificate. The Faculty Director may, in his discretion, approve course substitutions for good cause.

Basic IP Courses

A student must satisfactorily complete three of the following courses (listed alphabetically by title, and including course number and number of credit hours):

- Copyright Law (655B) (3 units)
- Intellectual Property Law (survey) (655R) (3 units)
- Patent Law (655C) (3 units)
- Trademarks & Unfair Competition (655A) (1-3 units)

A student must satisfactorily complete at least three units of the following:

- IP and Entrepreneurship Clinic (674) (1-6 units)

Advanced IP Courses

A student must satisfactorily complete at least one of the following courses, for at least 2 total units of credit:

- Work for any College of Law journal that is IP-focused
- International Intellectual Property (655F) (3 units)
- Patent Moot Court Competition (661D) (1-2 units)
- Trademark Moot Court Competition (661E) (1-2 units)

Electives

A student must satisfactorily complete the remainder of the 21 units of Intellectual Property-related courses from any of the courses (or additional IP Clinic hours) listed above or below.

- Administrative Law (621A) (3 units)
- Advanced Trial Advocacy (645B) (3 units)
- Antitrust Law (618) (3 units)
- Basic Trial Advocacy (645A) (3 units)
- Bioethics and the Law (654A) (3 units)
- Business Organizations (616) (3 units)
- Cultural Property of Indigenous Peoples (656F) (2 units)
- Data Privacy & Cybersecurity in Health Care (580B) (3 units)
- Development and Innovation: Biologics, Devices, and Diagnostics (577A) (3 units)
- Drug Discovery, Development, and Innovation to Reach the Marketplace (576A) (3 units)
- Information Privacy (682A) (2 units)
- International Business Transactions (644C) (3 units)
- International Trade Law (696L) (2-4 units)
- Leadership in Legal Innovation (672B) (3 units)
- Legal and Regulatory Aspects for Health Care Delivery (578A) (3 units)
- Legal Practice in the Age of A.I. and Big Data (689D) (2 units)
- Media Law (615H) (2 units)
- Patent Litigation Fundamentals (655V) (3 units)
- Pretrial Litigation (668) (3 units)
- Regional Trade Agreements (666) (2 units)
- Regulatory Science (695D) (1 unit)
- Sports Law (664A) (2 units)
- Sports Lawyering (664) (2 units)
- Substantial Paper on Intellectual Property subject (up to 3 units)
- College of Law-Approved IP-Focused Externship (up to 2 units at the discretion of the IP Faculty Director). Consideration for possible credit approval requires a student to provide a summary of the firm/placement, the IP work performed, and confirmation that externship credit was awarded (i.e., there is no pre-approval of credit for externships).

Substantial Paper

A student must write their substantial paper on an Intellectual Property topic to earn this certificate. You can count up to three credits from either the substantial paper (for example, as an independent study) or from writing a piece of appropriately-focused legal scholarship for one of the College of Law's student-edited journals towards the 21 required credits. You can also receive credit for

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this Substantial Paper requirement through a paper for a seminar, or for a non-credit option such as a substantial brief on a pro bono case.

GPA Requirements

A student must have at least a 3.00 mean GPA in the above coursework to receive this certificate. Also, a student must receive at least a B- in each course counting towards the certificate. At least 12 units counting towards the certificate must be taken on a graded basis.

Questions

Please send questions to the Faculty Director: gavinm@arizona.edu.