BAD 62 Course Outline as of Fall 2023

CATALOG INFORMATION

Title: INTELLECTUAL PRPTY LAW Dept and Nbr: BAD 62

Full Title: Intellectual Property Law

Last Reviewed: 5/8/2023

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	6	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00 Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: **Grade Only**

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: **PLS 61**

Catalog Description:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Course Completion or Current Enrollment in PLS 50

Recommended Preparation:

Limits on Enrollment:

Schedule of Classes Information:

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property, such as trade secrets, patents, copyrights, and trademarks. (Grade Only)

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Recommended:

Limits on Enrollment: Transfer Credit: CSU:

Repeatability: Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree: Area Effective: Inactive: CSU GE: Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

IGETC: Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

CSU Transfer: Transferable Effective: Fall 2010 Inactive:

UC Transfer: Effective: Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Major Applicable Course

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

- 1. Describe the major forms of intellectual property.
- 2. Recognize the requirements for protection under intellectual property law.
- 3. Identify the importance of preserving traditional intellectual property rights in a world of emerging technology.

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

- 1. Identify information that may be protected by intellectual property law and evaluate the best means of securing protection for such information.
- 2. Perform a basic trademark search.
- 3. Understand a simple compulsory license agreement.
- 4. Recognize infringement situations.
- 5. Recognize the requirements of a trademark application.

Topics and Scope:

- I. Overview of Intellectual Property Law
 - A. Types of intellectual property
 - B. Public policy
 - C. Intellectual property terminology
 - D. Internet domain names, publicity, and social media
- II. Foundations of Trademark Law
 - A. Purpose and function
 - B. Types of trademarks
 - C. Acquisition of trademark rights
 - D. Common law, federal registration, and state trademark rights
 - E. Trade names and business names
 - F. Protectable matter
 - G. Exclusions
 - H. United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

- I. Trademark selection and searching
- J. The trademark application
- K. Trademark calendaring
- L. Post-registration procedures
- M. Infringement and dilution

III. Foundations of Copyright Law

- A. Common law rights and rights under 1976 Copyright Act
- B. The United States Copyright Office
- C. Copyrightable material
- D. Works of authorship
- E. Exclusions
- F. Compilations, collections, and derivative works
- G. Rights afforded by copyright law
- H. Limitations on exclusive rights
- I. Compulsory licenses
- J. Ownership, transfer, and duration
- K. Works made for hire
- L. Termination of transfers of copyright
- M. Copyright registration
- N. Searching copyright records
- O. Infringement elements
- P. Defenses and remedies
- Q. New and international developments in copyright law

IV. Foundations of Patent Law

- A. Rights under federal law
- B. Patentability
- C. Patent searching
- D. The patent application
- E. Prosecuting the patent
- F. Patent ownership and transfer
- G. Inventions made by employees and independent contractors
- H. Infringement, defenses, and remedies
- I. New and international developments in patent law

V. Trade Secrets

- A. Determination of trade secret status
- B. Liability for misappropriation of trade secrets
- C. Protection available
- D. New developments in trade secrets law
- E. Employer-employee relationships
- F. Defenses and remedies to misappropriation
- G. Litigation
- H. New and international developments in trade secret law
- I. Traditional intellectual property rights in a world of emerging technology

VI. Unfair Competition

- A. Misappropriation
- B. Publicity
- C. False advertising
- D. Disparagement and dilution
- E. Infringement of trade dress
- F. International protection
- VII. Intellectual Property Audits and Due Diligence Reviews
 - A. Practical aspects

- B. Conducting the audit
- C. Post audit activities
- D. Causation
- E. Consciousness of harm
- F. Peace officer's privilege of arrest
- G. Private citizen's privilege of arrest

Assignment:

- 1. Read textbook and outside source materials
- 2. Written homework assignments based on lecture and readings
- 3. Participation in weekly discussions (in person or online) including group discussions questions based on intellectial properpty senarios
- 4. Legal terminology homework
- 5. Midterm(s) and final exam

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Written homework assignments based on lecture and readings.

Writing 20 - 30%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Legal terminology homework; group discussions questions based on intellectial properpty senarios

Problem solving 20 - 30%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

Skill Demonstrations 0 - 0%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Midterm(s) and final exam

Exams 50 - 60%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

None

Other Category 0 - 0%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Intellectual Property: The Law of Trademarks, Copyrights, Patents, and Trade Secrets for the Paralegal. 6th. Deborah Bouchoux. Delmar Cengage Learning. 2023.