

LAWS70021 Patent Law

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	7 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: February, Parkville - Taught on campus. November, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: The total class time is between 24 and 26 hours. Total Time Commitment: Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Prerequisites:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Corequisites:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Non Allowed Subjects:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Core Participation Requirements:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
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Subject Overview:	Principal topics will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # History of patent protection # Rationales for and alternatives to patents # Trade secrets protection (breach of confidence) # Brief overview of the patent application procedure # Requirements for patentable subject matter (including innovation patents) # Substantive requirements for patentability (including novelty, inventive step, utility, no secret use etc.) # Section 40 objections relating to specifications: Description, claims, fair basis # Infringement, defences and remedies # Inventorship and ownership # Transfer and exploitation of patent rights # The impact of competition law # Introduction to the international framework of patent protection.
Objectives:	A student who has successfully completed this subject should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Understand the policy issues involved in granting or denying patent protection, and the alternatives to such protection # Understand and be able to apply the principles relating to the grant of a valid patent under Australian law # Understand and be able to apply the principles relating to the infringement of a patent under Australian law # Understand the principles applying to the ownership and exploitation of patents under Australian law # Be broadly familiar with the principal steps by which a patent is applied for and granted under Australian law # Understand and be able to apply the principles relating to the protection of confidential information and trade secrets under Australian law.

Assessment:	Take-home examination (100%) Semester 1: 14-19 April Semester 2: 19-24 January 2011
Prescribed Texts:	Visit the subject website for more information
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
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