

730-675 Patent Practice

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 24 - 26 contact hours per subject. Total Time Commitment: The time commitment for this subject depends on the candidate's background and experience.
Prerequisites:	<p>Note</p> <p>This subject is primarily directed to candidates seeking qualification as Patent Attorneys.</p> <p>Prerequisites</p> <p>Successful completion of Patent Law, or the equivalent</p> <p>Faculty contact</p> <p>Professor Sam Ricketson (http://www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au/subject/730625/2008)</p>
Corequisites:	N.A.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	N.A.
Coordinator:	Prof Sam Ricketson
Subject Overview:	<p>Objectives:</p> <p>A candidate who has successfully completed the subject should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Understand and be able to advise upon the principal steps involved in the filing, prosecution and maintenance of an application for patent protection under the <i>Patents Act 1990</i> for local inventions and for inventions originating from overseas # Understand and be able to advise upon the obtaining of overseas patents for local inventions # Understand and be able to advise upon the filing and prosecution of applications filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) # Understand the purpose, intent and scope of circuit layout rights protection as embodied in the <i>Circuit Layouts Act 1989</i> # Understand the purpose, intent and scope of plant variety rights protection as embodied in the <i>Plant Breeders Rights Act 1994</i>. <p>Syllabus:</p> <p>Principal topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Patent legislation and practice in Australia # Patents Acts of 1952 and 1990: Standard patents; petty patents; innovation patents # Kinds of patent application: Provisional; complete; standard; petty; divisional; patent of addition; convention; innovation # Patent application filing and prosecution: Searching; filing; examination; opposition: grounds, practice and procedures; grant; re-examination # Amendment of patent specifications and other documents: Allowable amendments; clerical errors; obvious mistakes # Duration of patent protection: Continuation and renewal fee requirements; lapsing and cessation; restoration of rights; extensions of term for pharmaceutical patents # The Register of Patents: Recordal of assignments, licences, mortgages and changes of name; amendments to the Register # International Conventions and Agreements

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Patentability overseas # Basic considerations of US and European patent law # Applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty; filing applications; entry of national and regional phase # Circuit Layouts legislation # <i>Circuit Layouts Act 1989</i> # Plant Breeders Rights legislation and the <i>Plant Breeders Rights Act 1994</i>.
Assessment:	Examination 4 hours (100%) (5 September, pm)
Prescribed Texts:	Core subject materials will be provided free of charge to all students. Some subjects require further texts to be purchased. Please visit the subject homepage on the Melbourne Law Masters website by following the link at the bottom of this subject entry.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	Please see the Subject Objectives for this information.
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