

730-676 Interpretation and Validity of Patents

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:	Prerequisites Successful completion of Patent Practice (http://www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au/subject/730625/2008) or equivalent.
Corequisites:	N.A.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	N.A.
Coordinator:	Mr Geoff Mansfield
Subject Overview:	<p>Objectives:</p> <p>A candidate who has successfully completed the subject should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Understand how to read and interpret a patent specification # Be able, on the basis of this understanding, to advise clients on the issue of validity over given prior art, the requirements of section 40 of the <i>Patents Act 1990</i>, and other relevant grounds of invalidity and, where relevant, to advise on issues of amendment # Be able, on the basis of this understanding, to advise clients on infringement issues relating to the patent in question # Be able to present reasoned argument on the above matters, both in writing and orally # Have enhanced their skills of case and statutory analysis. <p>Syllabus:</p> <p>The subject will be conducted by way of a number of case studies conducted by a team of practitioners to develop skills in the application of the rules of interpretation to an Australian patent specification and in the application of Australian patent law in the assessment of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # The validity of an Australian patent or patent application under the provisions of section 40 # The validity of an Australian patent or patent application in the light of prior art information supplied, including prior published specifications and prior user # The infringement of an Australian patent by a product or process.
Assessment:	Examination 4 hours (100%) (12 December)
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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