

730-681 International and Comparative Patent Law

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:	Prerequisite Successful completion of ' Patent Law ' (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:	Dr Noel Byrne
Subject Overview:	<p>Objectives:</p> <p>A candidate who has successfully completed the subject should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Understand the history and evolution of the present international patent system # Understand the operation and interrelationship of the principal components of the present international patent system # Be familiar with the most significant treaties and national implementing measures # Have a comparative appreciation of national patent systems, including the Australian, European, Japanese and United States patent systems # Understand private international law issues that arise in relation to the international exploitation and enforcement of patents. <p>Syllabus:</p> <p>Principal topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # The history and development of the international patent system # The principal conventions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # The Patent Cooperation Treaty # The European Patent Convention and related proposals # Budapest Treaty on Micro-organisms # UPOV Convention on Plant Varieties # The WTO TRIPS Agreement # A comparative study of the grant and enforcement of patents in selected regions or countries # Regional harmonisation measures # Special topics, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Patents in the field of medicine # Patents for new life forms (animals and plants) and biological components (e.g. genes) # Patents for computer programs # Exhaustion of patent rights through international trade # Remedies, in particular the assessment of damages

	# Jurisdiction, and recognition and enforcement of judgments.
Assessment:	Take-home examination (50%) (8-13 October) Research paper 5,000 words (50%) (4 December) (topic approved by the subject coordinator)
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.
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