

## LAWS70060 Patent Practice

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50
<b>Level:</b>	7 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: June, Parkville - Taught on campus.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	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.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Corequisites:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Contact:</b>	For the most up-to-date information about this subject, contact the Melbourne Law Masters Office by email at <a href="mailto:law-masters@unimelb.edu.au">law-masters@unimelb.edu.au</a> or phone 8344 6190 or alternatively visit the subject website: <a href="http://www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au">www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au</a>
<b>Subject Overview:</b>	<p>Principal topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Patent legislation and practice in Australia \Patents Acts of 1952 and 1990: Standard patents, petty patents, innovation patents</li> <li># Kinds of patent application: Provisional, complete, standard, petty, divisional, patent of addition, convention, innovation</li> <li># Patent application filing and prosecution: Searching, filing, examination, opposition, grounds, practice and procedures, grant, re-examination</li> <li># Amendment of patent specifications and other documents: Allowable amendments, clerical errors, obvious mistakes</li> <li># Duration of patent protection: Continuation and renewal fee requirements, lapsing and cessation, restoration of rights, extensions of term for pharmaceutical patents</li> <li># The Register of Patents: Recordal of assignments, licences, mortgages and changes of name and amendments to the Register</li> <li># International conventions and agreements</li> <li># Patentability overseas</li> <li># Basic considerations of United States and European patent law</li> <li># Applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, filing applications, entry of national and regional phase</li> <li># Circuit layouts legislation (<i>Circuit Layouts Act 1989</i> (Cth))</li> <li># Plant breeders' rights legislation (<i>Plant Breeder's Rights Act 1994</i> (Cth)).</li> </ul>
<b>Objectives:</b>	<p>A student who has successfully completed this subject should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Understand and be able to advise on the steps involved in the filing, prosecution and maintenance of an application for patent protection under the <i>Patents Act 1990</i> (Cth) for local and overseas inventions</li> <li># Understand and be able to advise on obtaining overseas patents for local inventions</li> <li># Understand and be able to advise on the filing and prosecution of applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)</li> <li># Understand the purpose, intent and scope of circuit layout rights protection in the <i>Circuit Layouts Act 1989</i> (Cth)</li> <li># Understand the purpose, intent and scope of plant variety rights protection in the <i>Plant Breeder's Rights Act 1994</i> (Cth).</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	Take-home examination (100%) (11-16 August)

<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Visit the subject website for more information
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
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