

276AA Graduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Law

Year and Campus:	2015 - Parkville
CRICOS Code:	075327A
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Duration & Credit Points:	50 credit points taken over 6 months full time. This course is available as full or part time.
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Course Overview:	Melbourne Law School's specialisation in intellectual property (IP) is one of the largest and most respected specialist IP law programs in the world. Its extensive range of challenging, cutting-edge subjects covers the spectrum of IP protection regimes, and are both practically focused and theoretically rigorous. The majority of the specialisation's subjects are accredited by the Professional Standards Board for Patent and Trade Marks Attorneys (PSB). This program is ideal for those seeking accreditation as a patent and/or trade marks attorney, as well as for those seeking to develop or expand their expertise in intellectual property law generally.
Learning Outcomes:	<p>Graduates of the Graduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Law will:</p> <p>Have advanced knowledge within a systematic and coherent body of knowledge relating to the field of intellectual property law, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # the requirements that need to be satisfied to establish entitlement to the grant of intellectual property rights # the procedures by which grant of intellectual property rights are obtained # the requirements that need to be satisfied to establish infringement of intellectual property rights # the exceptions, limitations and defences to infringement that apply to intellectual property rights # the means for, and constraints on, commercialisation of intellectual property right <p>Have advanced cognitive, technical and communication skills that enable them to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # analyse critically, evaluate and convey information and # generate ideas and solutions to complex problems from both theoretical and practical perspectives in the subjects studied in the field of intellectual property law <p>Apply knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy, well-developed judgement, adaptability and responsibility as a practitioner or learner in the field of intellectual property law.</p>
Course Structure & Available Subjects:	<p>Students must complete four subjects from the prescribed list.</p> <p>Students who do not have a law degree from a common law jurisdiction or any prior legal studies or experience are also expected to complete the two-day preliminary subject Australian Legal Process and Legal Institutions (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/courses-and-subjects/subject-details/sid/11602) .</p> <p>Overview of Intellectual Property</p> <p>Overview of Intellectual Property (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/courses-and-subjects/subject-details/sid/11604) is a one-day seminar that provides a general summary of the various regimes comprising intellectual property (IP). It is accredited by the Professional Standards Board for Patent and Trade Marks Attorneys as satisfying part of their accreditation requirements for Topic Group A.</p>
Subject Options:	2015 Subject

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Competition Law and Intellectual Property LAWS70208 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11689) # Copyright Law LAWS70207 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11601) # Designs Law and Practice LAWS70261 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11611) # Fundamentals of Patent Drafting LAWS70387 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11578) # International Issues in Intellectual Property LAWS70242 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11634) # Internet Law LAWS70396 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11645) # Interpretation and Validity of Patent Specifications LAWS70061 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11646) # Patent Law LAWS70021 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11653) # Patent Practice LAWS70060 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11654) # Trade Mark Practice LAWS70243 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11681) # Trade Marks and Unfair Competition LAWS70046 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11682)
Entry Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # A degree in Law (LLB, JD or equivalent) at honours standard or equivalent leading to admission to legal practice; or # A degree in Law (LLB, JD or equivalent) leading to admission to legal practice and at least one year of documented, relevant professional experience; or # An undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline and at least one year of documented, relevant professional work experience.
Core Participation Requirements:	<p>The Melbourne Law Masters welcomes applications from students with disabilities. The inherent academic requirements for study in the Melbourne Law Masters are: The ability to attend a minimum of 75% of classes and actively engage in the analysis and critique of complex materials and debate; The ability to read, analyse and comprehend complex written legal materials and complex interdisciplinary materials; The ability to clearly and independently communicate in writing a knowledge and application of legal principles and interdisciplinary materials and to critically evaluate these; The ability to clearly and independently communicate orally a knowledge and application of legal principles and interdisciplinary materials and critically evaluate these; The ability to work independently and as a part of a group; The ability to present orally and in writing legal analysis to a professional standard. Students who feel their disability will inhibit them from meeting these inherent academic requirements are encouraged to contact the Disability Liaison Unit: www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/</p>
Graduate Attributes:	<p>Advanced understanding of the changing knowledge base in the relevant area of law The specialist focus of the Melbourne Law Masters, the constant review and renewal of subjects and courses, the range and expertise of instructors from Australia and around the world, and regular advice from our advisory boards combine to ensure that courses and subjects reflect emerging knowledge and ideas Ability to evaluate and synthesise existing knowledge in the area Small classes, a discussion-based environment and the emphasis on quality teaching and learning create an environment in which knowledge is exchanged, critically examined and adapted to current circumstances Well-developed problem solving abilities, characterised by flexibility of approach Most subjects approach knowledge by reference to various issues or problems. Students are encouraged to critically analyse problems and identify and develop a range of appropriate solutions through class discussion, individual study and assessment tasks. Advanced competencies in legal research and analysis Class preparation and class discussions are designed to enhance these skills, which are tested in all forms of assessment. Capacity to communicate, orally and in writing Classroom discussion and formal presentations provide an opportunity to hone oral communication skills, and written assessment tasks are graded in part on written communication skills. Appreciation of the design, conduct and reporting of original research Research papers and other research tasks are expected to attain a degree of originality and discovery that befits a quality postgraduate program, and students are encouraged and</p>

	<p>assisted to publish work of a high standard in refereed journals. Capacity to manage competing demands on timeThe demanding nature of graduate study requires effective time-management skills from all students. The rigour of our programs, whether undertaken part-time or full-time, ensures that all successful graduates have enhanced time-management skills. Profound respect for truth and intellectual integrity, including the ethics of scholarshipSome subjects have a substantive ethical component. All instructors have a respect for intellectual integrity and are skilled scholars or practitioners in their own right. Appreciation of the way in which knowledge provides a foundation for leadershipInstructors in the Melbourne Law Masters are leaders in their fields, and many subjects involve visiting academics, exposing students to a wider array of leaders in a range of legal fields. The Law School is committed to the significance of knowledge, which informs all regular programs and a wide range of additional activities. Capacity to value and participate in teamworkSmall class sizes and an intensive teaching format are valuable in encouraging group dynamics and teamwork. Understanding of the significance and value of knowledge to the wider communityLaw and legal knowledge are a community resource. In some subjects, this perspective is covered explicitly by the syllabus and the manner in which issues are treated in class. In addition, our diverse student body ensures that a range of perspectives on the way law impacts on the community are identified and analysed. Capacity to engage with issues in contemporary societyOur programs focus on the most up-to-date legal knowledge, analysing current issues and problems through the curriculum design, classroom discussion and assessment tasks. International students are also invited to participate in extracurricular activities to aid understanding of Australian law and legal institutions. Advanced working skills in the use of new technologyThe most advanced IT infrastructure is available to Melbourne Law Masters students in the Law Library, the Moot Court Room, classroom settings and for private study.</p>
Professional Accreditation:	<p>By satisfactorily completing appropriate subjects, a suitably qualified person may be accredited with satisfying all of the topic groups necessary for admission as a trade marks attorney and for admission as a patent attorney. Applicants seeking registration as a patent attorney and/or trade marks attorney should indicate this on acceptance of your offer and seek advice from the PSB and the Law School on subject selection at the time of enrolment. For more information, see the course page at www.law.unimelb.edu.au/course/276/2015 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/course/276/2015) or visit www.psb.gov.au (http://www.psb.gov.au)</p>
Links to further information:	<p>www.law.unimelb.edu.au/course/276/2015</p>