



Intellectual Property Emphasis: Admission and Requirements

Admission Requirements

After their first year and by the end of their second year, or with approval in other circumstances provided admission occurs no later than the beginning of the student's fifth semester, students may be admitted to the Intellectual Property Law ("IP") Emphasis; their cumulative law GPA must be 2.7 or above or they must gain consent of the IP faculty advisor. To graduate with the IP Emphasis, students must have a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.7 and a minimum GPA within the emphasis area of 3.0.

Approved Courses

Students will have to take a total of 16 credit hours of mandatory and elective courses. All courses must be taken for a grade (with the exception of those courses for which a grade option is unavailable).

REQUIRED

- The following class must be taken:
 - Intellectual Property (3 hours)
- At least two of the following must be taken:
 - Business Torts & Unfair Competition (3 hours)
 - Patent Law (3 hours)
 - Copyright Law (2 or 3 hours)

ELECTIVES

- Law, Science and Technology
- Intellectual Property Licensing or Technology Licensing (only one)
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Advanced Trademark Seminar
- Patent Prosecution
- Advising Life, Science and Technology Enterprises

One (but no more than one) of the following can also count toward the required 16 credit hours: Intellectual Property Clinic, Technology Transfer Externship, or Entrepreneurship & New Venture Creation (with IP Faculty advisor approval).

The IP faculty advisor may approve other courses to count toward the Emphasis. If the course includes a substantial component of IP law, part of that course may count toward the 16-hour requirement with advance approval from the IP faculty advisor.

The above requirements are in addition to any hours received in connection with completion of the Advanced Research Requirement (see below).

Advanced Research Requirement

A paper satisfying the R&W requirement or an equivalent independent study writing project (including law review notes or comments) must be undertaken by writing on an IP subject. The IP faculty advisor must approve the subject. This requirement may also be satisfied through the writing of a professional quality brief as a team member in the Giles Sutherland Rich Memorial Moot Court Competition, or, with the approval of the IP faculty advisor, by writing a professional quality brief in another equivalent IP competition.

While class papers do not initially satisfy this requirement, they may be expanded on as an independent paper or as the R&W paper to meet the requirements. Prior to expanding the paper, however, students must gain approval from the IP faculty advisor. Any credits earned through satisfaction of this writing requirement will NOT be counted toward the 16 hours.

Practical Skills Component

Students must complete at least one course containing a substantial practical skills component. A course used to satisfy the practical skills requirement can also count toward the 16 hours of required coursework. The following courses satisfy this requirement:

- Intellectual Property Licensing or Technology Licensing
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Patent Prosecution
- Intellectual Property Clinic
- Technology Transfer Externship
- Entrepreneurship & New Venture Creation (with IP faculty advisor approval)

Alternatively and with approval of the IP faculty advisor, the requirement may be met by other internships, externships, moot courts, simulation courses, drafting courses, or other courses or activities designed to provide exposure to type of work we performed as IP lawyers in the field.

Ethics component

Ethical considerations will be incorporated into the listed required emphasis area courses.