

LL4071V/LL5071V/LL6071V International Patent Law, Policy and Practice

[This module was previously known as Global Exploitation of IP (LL4071V/LL5071V/LL6071V) and has been re-named as International Patent Law, Policy and Practice with effect from AY 2017/18.]

The advent of new technologies has led to a dramatic shift in business strategies and global economic development. Intellectual property rights (particularly patents) form an "inexhaustible resource" and important asset for businesses and innovation.

Some salient features of this module:

- **Skills-based:** Deals with the practical aspects of patent exploitation and commercialisation. Topics include technology transfer and strategies for an effective exploitation and management of IP rights; due diligence; enforcement of IP rights; IP licensing & valuation (including the various IP valuation models). The focus will be on patent rights.
- **Doctrinal:** Will cover the core patent law doctrines that govern patentability and the infringement of patent rights.
- **International:** Analyses the global IP (particularly patent) regime including the main international treaties and their impact on development, trade etc.
- **Video-conferencing:** some sessions may be held via video-conferencing with world experts in this field. Past sessions have involved senior officials from the World Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (WIPO), Geneva, Switzerland.
- **Policy:** the module will also discuss current legal and policy developments in the international patent law scene. Students will be expected to conduct in-depth research into a topical area and submit a research paper on this as part of the assessment component of this module. Past topics have included patent issues in Climate Change, FRAND & RAND, smart-phone wars and ASEAN IP Integration.

The learning objectives for the participants of the course will:

1. *Become familiar with* the different forms of IP (particularly patent), both domestically and internationally.
2. *Be introduced to the various* doctrines of patent law.
3. *Learn through participating in practical exercise on patent drafting by dealing with a hypothetical* claim drafting exercise.
4. *Gain an understanding of* the various policy considerations that inform patent law, and innovation policy more generally.
5. *Have an understanding of* IP valuation and licensing agreements.

The general structure of the course is as follows:

SEMINAR ONE: Introduction to Intellectual Property and Patents

SEMINAR TWO: The Global IP/Patent System

SEMINAR THREE: Procedure for Grant of a Patent

SEMINAR FOUR: Novelty

SEMINAR FIVE: Internal Requirements for Patentability & Patent Drafting

SEMINAR SIX: Ownership

SEMINAR SEVEN: Infringement I

SEMINAR EIGHT: Infringement II

SEMINAR NINE: Exploitation & Rights Related to Patents

SEMINAR TEN: Student Presentations

SEMINAR ELEVEN: IP Valuation & Licensing

SEMINAR TWELVE: Patent Policy & Emerging Patent Law Issues

Assessment: Students will be required to: (a) submit a research paper; (b) participate in a patent drafting exercise, and (c) participate in class discussion and an oral presentation (subject to class size).

Preclusion: May vary from year to year depending on the modules offered by visitors to NUS Law in any given year. AY2017/18 - Students reading LL4135/LL5135/LL6135 - Patent Law & Practice: Perspectives from the U.S. are precluded.