

IPM521 Advanced Patent Law

Level: 5

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JAN

Synopsis:

IPM521 Advanced Patent Law reinforces and expands on the understanding of the fundamental principles of intellectual property (IP) law, specifically the development of patent law in Singapore. The course will focus on patent law norms and policy and the patent as an instrument. This includes in-depth knowledge and skills in determining patent eligible subject matter, novelty and anticipation, inventive step, patent infringement and patent exploitation. An overview of other patent systems, in particular those in the United States and the European Union, will also be covered.

Topics:

- Development of Patent Law in Singapore
- Patent Law Norms and Policy
- Inventorship and Ownership
- The Patent Instrument: Parts of a Patent Application
- Patent Eligible Subject Matter: Usual Exclusions
- Novelty and Anticipation
- Inventive Step
- Utility and Industrial Application
- Patent Infringement
- Defenses for Patent Infringement
- Remedies for Patent Infringement
- Patent Exploitation
- Anti-Competitive Practices

Textbooks:

Ng-Loy W L (2014): Law of Intellectual Property of Singapore (Printed ISBN:9789810786502/eText ISBN:9789810968793)-Access Code Card 2E, Student Edition
ISBN-13: 9810968793

Learning Outcome:

- Examine patent legislation and regulations
- Distinguish the qualifying criteria for patentability
- Analyse the scope of protection for patents
- Examine potential patent infringement activities
- Evaluate defences against allegations of patent infringement
- Assess remedies awarded if patent infringement is proven
- Analyse conditions which will result in patent invalidity.
- Examine the law and practice governing patentable inventions
- Employ the provisions of the Singapore Patents Act
- Analyse patent-related international instruments and how they impact on patents in Singapore
- Demonstrate compliance with international instruments
- Evaluate the requirements for the registrability of patents
- Appraise validity, interpretation of specifications; infringement; amendment or correction; compulsory licences; convention applications and exhaustion of rights

Assessment Strategies (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	PRE-COURSE QUIZ 1	4
	PRE-CLASS QUIZ 1	4
	PRE-CLASS QUIZ 2	2
	PARTICIPATION 1	5
	GROUP BASED ASSIGNMENT 1	45
Overall Examinable Components	Written Exam	40
Total		100