Teaching Intellectual Property at Law Schools in the Republic of Macedonia

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On the roots ….

- Introduced in the curriculum of the Faculty of Law in mid 80's as "Copyright and Inventions Law"
- Development of new courses
  - Industrial Property Law
  - Copyrights and Related Rights
    - Existed as compulsory courses in the Civil Law group at undergraduate level studies and Master studies in Civil Law ; and elective course for all other groups.

Teaching IP Law at undergraduate level in the ECTS system

- There is not a special subject
- Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus" - notions in the subjects:
  - Information Technology Law (2nd semester, compulsory subject)
  - Civil Law – General Part (2nd semester, compulsory subject)
  - Criminal Law (4th semster, compulsory subject)
  - Law on Obligations (5th semester, compulsory subject)
- Similar situation at other public and private Law Schools

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Postgraduate level

- Intellectual Property Law - Compulsory course for Module in the MA programme on Civil Law
  - Delivered by: Lectures, discussions, study visits
  - Total number of classes: 60
  - Exam: preparation of research paper and oral exam
- Industrial Property Law Compulsory course for the MA programme on Commercial Law
  - Delivered by: lectures, discussions, study visits
  - Total number of classes: 60
  - Exam: preparation of research paper and oral exam

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Postgraduate level

- Copyrights and Related Rights elective course
  - Delivered by: lectures, discussions, study visits
  - Total number of classes: 48
  - Exam: preparation of research paper and oral exam
- EC Intellectual Property Law , elective course on the Regional Master Studies in EU Business Law
  - Delivered by: lectures, discussions, study visits
  - Total number of classes: 48
  - Exam: preparation of research paper and oral exam

Delivery of the courses

- Syllabus and lessons plans, including tasks for students, published in advance;
- Active participation of the staff of the State Office of Intellectual Property, judges, IP agents, customs' officers as guest lecturers ;
- Study visits by the students at the SOIP
- Use of the materials published by EPO, WIPO, SOIP and other relevant national and international institutions and organizations.

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Postgraduate level

- Joint Degree Master Programme in Intellectual Property
  - Organized by: University "Ss. Cyril and Methodious" - Faculty of Law "Iunstinanus Primus" and University of Strasbourg – Center for International Intellectual Piorperty Education
  - Partners: WIPO Academy, Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade; Faculty of Law, University of Nis; University for Social and Economic Sciences, Thessaloniki, Greece; State Office for Industrial Property of the Republic of Macedonia and other relevant educational, governmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions.

❑ Joint Master Programmee in Intellectual Property

- The aim of the study programme, depending on the specific interest of the student, is to provide quality higher education in the field of Intellectual Property Law The students shall have an opportunity through comparative and interdisciplinary approach to obtain theoretical and practical knowledge of Intellectual Property and efficient and effective enforcement of the Intellectual Property Rights.
- **Organization of the MA Programme**
  - Teaching and exams (1st, 2nd & 3rd semester)
  - Research and preparation of Master thesis (4th semester)
  - Internship (2 months in the 4th semester)
- **1st semester courses (compulsories):**
  1. Introduction to Intellectual Property Law , 5 ECTS
  2. Patents , 7 ECTS
  3. Trademarks & GI , 7 ECTS
  4. Copyright and Related Rights, 7 ECTS
  5. Industrial Designs, 4 ECTS
  6. Introduction to Law , Compulsory for students without legal background .

❑ Joint Master Programmee in Intellectual Property

- **2nd semester courses (compulsories)**
  1. IP Litigation &Dispute Resolution, 5 ECTS
  2. Economics of IPRs, 6 ECTS
  3. Competition & Antitrust , 4 ECTS
  4. IPRs Enforcement , 6 ECTS
  5. Information Technology Law , 5 ECTS
  6. Traditional Knowledge & Folklore in IP , 4 ECTS
- **3rd semester courses (elective; students choose 5 courses from the list)**
  1. Private International Law, 6 ECTS
  2. Transfer of Intellectual Property Rights, 6 ECTS
  3. Internet Domain Names, 6 ECTS
  4. EU Law, 6 ECTS
  5. Management of IP, 6 ECTS
  6. Contract Law, 6 ECTS
  7. Topography of Integral Circuits, 6 ECTS
  8. Entertainment Law, 6 ECTS
  9. Commercial Law, 6 ECTS
  10. Labour Law Issues in IP, 6 ECTS
  11. Valuation of IPRs, 6 ECTS

Other Law Schools (Public and Private) Postgraduate level

- Faculty of Law, University “Goce Delcev” – Stip
  - Intellectual Property Law, compulsory subject, MA in Civil and Criminal Law
- Faculty of Legal Sciences, First Private University FON
  - Intellectual Property Law, compulsory subject, MA in Civil and Criminal Law
- Faculty of Legal Sciences, European University of the Republic of Macedonia
  - Intellectual Property Law, compulsory subject, MA in Civil and Criminal Law
  - Industrial Property Law, compulsory subject, MA in Business Law

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Doctoral Studies

- **Doctoral Studies in Intellectual Property**
- The study program gives opportunity for candidates to acquaint very specific knowledge in the field of Intellectual Property Law that they could apply in their specific area of scientific, professional or professional engagement. The structure of the study program is such that provides the following:
  1. Enables the candidates to understand the system of intellectual property, its elements and, finally, specific legal institutions in the field, both through the prism of the international and national legal framework and practice in this field;
  2. Contributes to further enhancement of knowledge and skills for theoretical research of the Copyrights and Related rights and the Industrial Property Rights and the procedures and mechanisms for their protection and enforcement;
  3. Facilitates the study of the systems of technology transfer and copyrights contract law, so as to enable their practical application;
  4. Contributes to the development of knowledge and skills related to the digital aspects of the Intellectual Property;
  5. Supports the process of developing specialized knowledge and skills related to the economic and business aspects of the Intellectual property.

❑ Doctoral Studies in Intellectual Property - Course program

Semester	Subject	Credits
1st semester	Ethics in Science (subject for acquainting general knowledge)	4
	Methodology of Legal Research (subject for acquainting general knowledge)	4
	Compulsory Subject	6
	Elective Subject from Course	6
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	Elective Subject from Course	4 (+2 in 2nd semester)
	Total	30
2nd semester	Academic Writing (Subject for acquainting general knowledge)	4
	Elective Subject from Course	2 (from 1st semester)
	Elective Subject from Course	6
	Doctoral Seminar with Presentation	2
	Research (for preparation of the PhD Topic)	14
	Annual Conference with report presentation	2
	Total	30

❑ Doctoral Studies in Intellectual Property - Course program

Semester	Subject	Credits
3rd semester	Preparation and submitting PhD research and dissertation proposal	28
	Doctoral Seminar with Presentation	2
	Total	30
4th semester	Workshop for Research Practice	3
	Research and Publication of Results	25
	Annual Conference with Report Presentation	2
	Total	30
5th semester	Research and results publication	28
	Doctoral Seminar with Report Presentation	2
	Total	30
6th semester	Workshop for research practice	3
	Research and Thesis Drafting	25
	Annual Conference with Report Presentation	2
	Total	30

❑ Doctoral Studies in Intellectual Property - Course program

Subjects for the Doctoral Studies of Intellectual Property Law	
Compulsory Subjects	Credits
Intellectual Property Law	6
Elective Subjects	Credits
Copyrights and Related Rights	6
Industrial Property Law	6
Competition Law	6
Law on Technology Transfers	6
Copyright Contract Law	6
Law on Information Technology	6
Electronic Commerce and Electronic Contracts	6
Data protection and digital identity	6
Cyber Crime and computer forensics	6
Economic Analysis of Intellectual Property	6
Corporative Governance and Intellectual Property Rights	6

- Doctoral Studies in Information Technology and Law
  - Intellectual Property Law, 6 ECTS, Elective subject

Continuous education in IP Law

- Academy for Judges and Public Prosecutors
  - Organization of different training courses for judges and public prosecutors
- Center for Intellectual Property Education (CIPE) - organization unit of the Faculty of Law “Iustinianus Primus”, established for undertaking educational, scientific and applied activities in the field of Intellectual Property
- Member of the WIPO Academies Network
- CIPE’s tasks:
  - Acquiring and dissemination of knowledge and skills in the field of IP Law
  - Development and promotion of the IP Law
  - Development and promotion of the IP protection and enforcement

- CIPE's activities
  - Organization of continuous education activities (seminars, workshops, courses etc) for development of knowledge and skills of the institutions, organizations and individuals in the field of IP Law
  - Implementation of scientific, development and applicable research in the field of IP law
  - Publishing in the field of IP Law
- Successful implementation of two TEMPUS projects in the field of Intellectual Property
  - ToT of staff, training of more then 300 persons, publication of relevant books and guides

- Organization of different conferences and training events
  - General Courses
    - Intellectual Property Law
    - Industrial Property law
    - Copyrights and Neighboring Rights
  - Specialized Courses
    - Public Servants
    - Lawyers and IP Agents
    - Law Enforcement Agencies
    - Business Community – IT sector, Export oriented companies, Agriculture, Media

Available resources

- Book (national publishing)
  - Intellectual Property Law, Dabovic Anastasovska J. and Pepeljugoski V., textbook, Skopje, 2008
  - Copyrights and Related Rights, Anastasovska J. and Pepeljugoski V., textbook, Skopje, 2007
  - Intellectual Property I – Industrial Property, Polenak Akimovska M., Dabovic Anastasovska J., Buckovski V. and Pepeljugoski V., textbook, Skopje, 2005
  - Two specialized dictionaries in IP Law terms (Macedonian-Albanian- English and French)
  - Two commentaries of the relevant laws (in field of Industrial Property Law and Copyrights and Neighboring Rights)
  - Collection of relevant International and EU sources of IP Law (two books)
  - Collection of relevant national and international theory and practice (two books)
  - Topic specific guidebooks in Copyrights and Neighboring Rights (7 booklets in Macedonian and Albanian Language)

Available resources

- IP Law library (approximately 50 foreign editions)
- Available IT equipment for internet research
- Materials available at www.cipe.pf.ukim.edu.mk

New tendencies

- Strategy for Intellectual Property of the Republic of Macedonia (2009 -2012)
  - Recommendation of introduction of IP Law as compulsory subject on undergraduate level at all Law Schools
  - Recommendation for introduction of IP at faculties in field of art, technology and bio-medical sciences
  - Recommendation for development of Universities' IP Policy

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