



# Intellectual Property Certificate Application

University of Akron School of Law  
Center for Intellectual Property Law & Technology

You must submit his application before the beginning of your final semester, but preferably much earlier (late in your 1L or early in your 2L year) to discuss your plans with a faculty advisor. Please complete the following information, meet with an IP faculty member for course planning, and obtain the necessary signatures approving your application toward admission into the Certificate program. The faculty advisors for the IP certificate are Profs. Mark Schultz and Emily Michiko Morris. You may consult with either.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Full-Time or Part-Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Credits Completed Toward JD: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative Law GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate School and Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate School and Degree (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

What area(s) of IP law do you wish to study and practice? \_\_\_\_\_

In what locale would you like to ultimately practice law? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of setting would you prefer? \_\_\_\_\_  
(law firm, government, in-house, other)

Do you plan to take / have you taken the Patent Bar Exam? \_\_\_\_\_. If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

When do you expect to graduate with your JD? (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_

Once complete, please return this page to Law Student Affairs in the administrative suite to obtain the Assistant Dean's signature. Keep the attached worksheet for planning purposes

	Signatures	Date
<b>Law Student</b>		
<b>IP Faculty Advisor</b>		
<b>Assistant Dean of Student Affairs</b>		

# IP Certificate Course Selection and Planning Worksheet

You need to take 15 credits of IP Courses selected from the courses listed below and earn a 2.3 or higher cumulative GPA in those courses. Courses may not be offered on a regular basis, and you should discuss with your advisor the likely schedule and plan accordingly.

## 1. General IP Education:

Choose Option A or Option B.

You should learn about as many fields of IP law as you can. Therefore, we require you to take **either** Fundamentals of IP Law (a survey course covering all major forms of IP law) **OR** at least 2 of the 4 core IP courses:

### Option A, take Fundamentals of IP:

#### Survey

Term	Course #	Title	Credits
_____	800	Fundamentals of IP Law	_____3

### Option B, take at least 2 of the following core courses:

#### Core IP Courses

Term	Course #	Title	Credits
_____	801	Patent Law & Policy	_____3
_____	802	Trademark Law	_____3
_____	803	Copyright Law	_____3
_____	804	Trade Secrets	_____3

Note that additional courses taken from Option B qualify as elective credits. You may take any or all of the above courses in any combination or sequence and apply them toward the certificate, so long as you take **at least** Fundamentals of IP Law **OR** 2 of the 4 core IP courses.

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## 2. IP Electives

To round out your IP education, choose from among the following electives. You must take at least 1 credit of international IP – courses marked with \* satisfy the international requirement. As noted above, you may count any additional Core IP Courses you take as electives once you have fulfilled the General IP Education Requirements.

Term	Course #	Title	
_____	674	International Business Transactions	_____ 3
_____	675	Entrepreneurship	_____ 3
_____	683	SEED Clinic	_____ 2-3
_____	694	IP Moot Court	_____ 1-2
_____	703	Bioethics	_____ 3
_____	805	Licensing IP	_____ 3
_____	806	International IP*	_____ 3
_____	807	Patent Prosecution	_____ 3
_____	809	Complex IP Litigation	_____ 3
_____	811	IP Practicum	_____ 3
_____	816	International Patent Law*	_____ 1
_____	824	International Patent Prosecution*	_____ 1
_____	825	Antitrust Law	_____ 3
_____	827	Patent Office Litigation	_____ 3
_____	896	Trademark Clinic	_____ 2
_____	TBD	Cybersecurity Law	_____ 3
_____	TBD	Privacy Law	_____ 2-3
_____	TBD	International Trade Commission Litigation*	_____ 3
_____	TBD	Biotech Exclusivity	_____ 3

Other courses if approved by IP Faculty Advisor (to be communicated from IP Faculty advisor to Assistant Dean of Student Affairs)

_____	656	Law Review (Note must be on IP topic)	_____ 2
_____	696	IP Externship: _____	_____ 2-6
_____	698	IP Individual Studies & Research (ISR)	_____ 2-3
_____	812	IP Honors (Avail to IP Pro JD students only)	_____ 1
_____		Other _____	

Note to students accepted into the IP Pro JD Program: You can and should fulfill the IP Certificate requirements, but you will also need to fulfill the additional requirements for the IP Pro JD.

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