



# Intellectual Property Certificate Application For Post-JD Students

Akron Law offers non-degree certificate-seeking students **who already have a JD** the opportunity to specialize in intellectual property law and to receive a certificate denoting successful completion of the requirements. Students must complete 12 required credits, attain an aggregate cumulative 3.0 grade point average.

Before enrolling as a non-JD student, you should discuss your interest first with our IP faculty to determine whether this program is right for you. It is a helpful experience and credential for some, but for many students who already have a JD, our LLM will be a much better fit.

The faculty advisors for the IP certificate programs are Profs. Mark Schultz and Emily Michiko Morris. You may consult with either.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## For Post-JD Students

You need to take 12 credits of IP Courses selected from the courses listed below and earn a 3.0 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. 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
_____	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

Students who have previously completed approved IP courses at Akron Law are able to count up to 6 credits toward the IP certificate if they received credit for those courses within 3 years of starting the IP certificate program.

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