

LLB Intellectual Property



Module description:

Intellectual Property Law examines the legal protections available for new ideas and new products. This is one area where the law is constantly responding to technological developments.

This module will consider examples such as Coca Cola, Apple and Cadburys as the law of copyright, patent and trademark is considered. The module will cover a wide range of topics including:

The national and international frameworks of intellectual properties

Copyright; categories of works, criteria for protection, authorship & originality, moral & economic rights, infringement & defences, remedies, digital copyright

(databases, internet and software) and international copyright (TRIPS, WIPO etc)

- Trademarks; registered trademarks, international and community registration & requirements, rights & infringement, unregistered trademarks & passing off
- Patents; scope & objectives, novelty & 'the inventive step,' infringement & EU initiatives and biotechnology
- Contemporary Issues in IP; patent, copyright and trademark current issues & reform

Students will also gain knowledge of the main legislative instruments at both a national and international level, and develop familiarity with the major cases in these areas.