

FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
2011-12 COURSE REGISTRATION – PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION¹

COURSE	Law 347 Intellectual Property
UNIT VALUE	1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTOR	Robert Howell
TERM OFFERED	Fall 2011
CLASS TIMES	TBA
PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES	None

OBJECTIVES

- To familiarize students with the concept of intellectual property and with the principles and policies of selected areas of intellectual property.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A study of the concept of intellectual property and the principles and policies of selected areas of intellectual property law primarily: (a) registered trademarks and related common law provisions and (b) copyright in its categories of "literary", "dramatic", "musical", and "artistic" works including an introduction to technologies such as computer programming and other digitization, although a detailed coverage of intellectual property and the Internet is dealt with in Law 367: Telecommunications, Entertainment and Media. In addition, the course includes a brief introduction to the law and policies of patents and confidential information. Again, a detailed coverage of patent law is provided in Law 366: Patent Law. If time is available some reference will be made to industrial designs. Where appropriate attention is drawn to the interrelationship and boundary issues between the categories that together comprise the subject of intellectual property.

METHODOLOGY

- Lectures, discussion and analysis.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

- Final written examination 100%.

Subject to (a) and (b) below, this is a **CLOSED BOOK** examination.

- (a) Each candidate will be supplied in the examination room with a copy of the course syllabus; and
- (b) Each candidate may bring into the examination room copies of the whole of the following statutes **so long as they are not annotated or otherwise show any written comment or notation**. Only colour highlighting and underlining is permissible.
- *Trade Marks Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. T. 13
 - *Copyright Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C. 42
 - Any amending Acts or Bills to the *Trade Marks Act* or the *Copyright Act*

Alternatively the prescribed statutory materials book by MacKaay and Gendreau may be utilized in the examination room.

(c) **No Possibility of Undertaking a Major Writing Paper**

There is **NO** possibility of a candidate completing a major writing requirement in this course. However, a candidate who successfully completes the course may be permitted to complete separately in a subsequent term, a Law 399 Supervised Writing and Research paper on an intellectual property law topic. This possibility would need to be discussed with Professor Howell.

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¹ The information in this document is provided for course registration purposes only and is **subject to change**. More detailed course information about course content and evaluation will be provided upon the commencement of the course. Students seeking additional information about the course prior to its commencement may contact the instructor or, if no instructor is listed, the Associate Dean (lawassoc@uvic.ca).