



LAWS523

Intellectual Property Law

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Dept of Law

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Prerequisites

(24cp in LAW or LAWS units) or (39cp at 100 level or above including MAS214) or (39cp at 100 level or above including (BUSL250 and BUSL301) or BUSL251)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit explores the various forms of intellectual property protected under statutory regimes and general law. The unit identifies and evaluates existing regimes of copyright, patents, plant breeders' rights, designs and trade mark, as well as the law of passing off and relevant aspects of unfair trading laws. The unit analyses the subject matter protected, conditions of such protection and what constitutes infringement for each head of protection. Students are taught to identify and explain the interrelationship and overlaps between different intellectual property regimes. Students learn how to apply intellectual property principles and policy in practical scenarios.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Display an understanding of the fundamental principles of intellectual property law

Display a knowledge of the specific rules in intellectual property law through the close examination of legislation and case law;

Demonstrate skills of legal analysis through the application of the law to hypothetical fact situations

Demonstrate skills relating to the provision of legal advice through the proper identification of legal issue(s), the application of the relevant law to the identified issues, and the provision of an accurate assessment of the likely outcome.

Demonstrate skills in the design of new laws and the reform of existing laws through an examination of the policy debates and law reform discourse in key areas.

Participate constructively in discussion and other classroom activities in order to understand, analyse and critique the fundamental principles of intellectual property.

General Assessment Information

Participation

If you miss **one week of tutorials** - please see your tutor upon your return with relevant documentation. Please **do not** lodge an application via ask.mq.edu.au.

If you miss two consecutive weeks of tutorials or more - please do lodge an application for Special Consideration

Research Assignment

Late submissions will only be accepted if an extension has been granted pursuant to a successful Special Consideration application.

Final assessment

This is a timed assessment and no late submissions will be accepted. Late submissions will only be accepted if an extension has been granted pursuant to a successful Special Consideration application.

Assessment Tasks

| Name | Weighting | Hurdle | Due |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------|------------------------|
| <u>Participation</u> | 20% | No | Weeks 1-12 of semester |
| <u>Research assignment</u> | 40% | No | 14 September 2018, 5PM |
| <u>Final Assessment</u> | 40% | No | 6 November 2018, 5pm |

Participation

Due: **Weeks 1-12 of semester**

Weighting: **20%**

Students are expected to complete the required reading and actively discuss the questions outlined in the Tutorial Questions in the weekly tutorial (see iLearn under each week). All students are encouraged to actively participate in each week's discussion. Participation will be assessed at all tutorials. External students are required to attend all of both days of the On-Campus Session ("OCS"). Students are required to demonstrate competence in participating in oral discussion in an academic environment. This involves thoughtfully responding to the issues raised and where appropriate, asking relevant questions. A participation mark out of 5 will be provided to students in week 4 of semester. This mark will form an assessment of tutorial participation in the first three tutorials. A final mark out of 20 will be provided to students after the completion of the last tutorial. The mark out of 20 will incorporate the initial mark out of 5 covering the first three tutorials and encompass a further mark out of 15 for tutorials 4-12.

Marking Rubric for Participation: Please see LAWS 523 ilearn page.

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Research assignment

Due: **14 September 2018, 5PM**

Weighting: **40%**

Research Assignment Question

The *Copyright Amendment (Online Infringement) Act 2015 (Cth)* enables copyright owners to apply to the Federal Court of Australia to block access to a specified online location that satisfies certain prescribed criteria. The website in question must have the primary purpose of infringing or facilitating the infringement of copyright content. How effective is the mechanism introduced by this Act? Are there any amendments that would improve the operation of the Act?

*Please note that responding to this assignment question will require **independent legal research** that goes beyond the materials provided in lectures, tutorials and prescribed readings.*

Word limit = 2,000 words, not including footnotes and bibliography. Footnotes need to be confined to citations. Citations should be in compliance with the *Australian Guide to Legal Citation*.

Submission method: Submission is via Turnitin on the LAWS 523 ilearn page.

Marking Rubric for Research Assignment: Please see LAWS 523 ilearn page.

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Final Assessment

Due: **6 November 2018, 5pm**

Weighting: **40%**

The Final Assessment will consist of *two* questions covering all material taught in the unit. Each question is worth 20%. There will be a word limit of 1,200 words per question (not including footnotes).

Word limit: Total of 2,400 words (not including bibliography and footnotes). Footnotes need to be confined to citations. Citations to be in compliance with the *Australian Guide to Legal Citation*.

The assessment questions will become available via ilearn on Friday 3 November 2017 at 5pm. The assessment will be due on Tuesday 6 November 2018, 5pm. Submission will be via Turnitin on ilearn.

Submission method: Submission is via Turnitin on the LAWS 523 ilearn page.

Marking Rubric for Final Assessment: Please see LAWS 523 ilearn page.

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Delivery and Resources

All materials necessary to complete this unit are cited on the LAW 523 i-Learn site. The textbook is available for purchase from the co-op.

REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Prescribed textbook

- Andrew Stewart, Philip Griffith & Judith Bannister, *Intellectual Property in Australia*, 2017, LexisNexis Butterworths.

Tutorial reading

- In addition to the prescribed text book, additional reading (ie journal articles, cases and problems to be discussed in tutorials) will be required for each tutorial. These additional

readings are found on e-reserve.

Recommended journals

- *Australian Intellectual Property Journal*, Thomson Reuters.
- *Media and Arts Law Review*, The University of Melbourne.
- *Information Journal of Technology Policy and Law*, Inderscience Publications, Switzerland.

Accessing full text of cases and legislation

Legislation:

All Commonwealth and State statutes and regulations can be found at <http://www.austlii.edu.au>. (Ensure reference is made, wherever possible, to consolidated legislation.)

Case Law:

For *reported case law*, use the Macquarie University library databases to access the:

Lawbookonline database (e.g. CLR, FCR, FLR, NSWLR);

Lexisnexis (Aus) database (e.g. ALR, IPR).

For *unreported case law*, use: <http://www.austlii.edu.au>.

(Ensure reference is made, wherever possible, to reported case law.)

Computer resources

A computer and access to reliable internet are required for this unit.

Unit Schedule

| Week of Semester | Lecture | Tutorial | Required Reading | Assessment |
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| 1 | Lecture 1 - Introduction | Tutorial 1 | Textbook - Chapter 1 Tutorial 1 Reading (see i-Learn LAWS523) | Participation in tutorial |
| 2 | Lecture 2 - Copyright I | Tutorial 2 | Textbook - Chapters 5 & 6 Tutorial 2 Reading (see i-Learn LAWS523) | Participation in tutorial |
| 3 | Lecture 3 - Copyright II | Tutorial 3 | Textbook - Chapter 7 Tutorial 3 Reading (see i-Learn LAWS523) | Participation in tutorial |

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| 4 | Lecture 4 - Copyright III and Confidential Information | Tutorial 4 | Textbook - Chapters 8, 9, 3 & 4 Tutorial 4 Reading (see i- LearnLAWS523) | Participation in tutorial. A participation mark out of 5 will be provided to students in week 4 of semester. This mark will form an assessment of tutorial participation in the first three tutorials . |
| 5 | Lecture 5 - Designs I | Tutorial 5 | Textbook - Chapter 10 Tutorial 5 Reading (see i-Learn LAWS523) | Participation in tutorial |
| 6 | Lecture 6 - Designs II | Tutorial 6 | Textbook - Chapter 10 Tutorial 6 Reading (see i-Learn LAWS523) | Participation in tutorial. RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT IS DUE ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2018, 5PM VIA TURNITIN ICON ON ILEARN |
| 7 | Lecture 7 - Trade Marks I | Tutorial 7 | Textbook - Chapter 19 Tutorial 7 Reading (see i-Learn LAWS523) | Participation in tutorial |
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| 8 | Lecture 8 - Trade Marks II | Tutorial 8 | Textbook - Chapter 20 Tutorial 8 Reading (see i-Learn LAWS523) | Participation in tutorial |
| 9 | Lecture 9 - Patents I | Tutorial 9 | Textbook - Chapter 11, 12 Tutorial 9 Reading (see i-Learn LAWS523) | Participation in tutorial |
| 10 | Lecture 10 - Patents II | Tutorial 10 | Textbook - Chapter 13 Tutorial 10 Reading (see i- LearnLAWS523) | Participation in tutorial |
| 11 | Lecture 11 - Protecting Business Reputation | Tutorial 11 | Textbook - Chapters 16, 17, 18 Tutorial 11 Reading (see i-Learn LAWS523) | Participation in tutorial. |

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| 12 | Lecture 12 - Remedies, Commercialisation of IP, and International Perspectives | Tutorial 12 | Textbook - Chapters 2, 21, 22 Tutorial 12 Reading (see i-Learn LAWS523) | Participation in tutorial FINAL ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2018, 5PM ON I-LEARN SITE |
| 13 | FINAL ASSESSMENT DUE TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2018, 5PM | | | |

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Undergraduate students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](#).

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

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Assessment tasks

- Participation
- Research assignment
- Final Assessment

Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

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Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- Participate constructively in discussion and other classroom activities in order to understand, analyse and critique the fundamental principles of intellectual property.

Assessment task

- Participation

Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

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