

Curriculum Structure and Content for the Academic Batch 2024-26
Law Programs
Program: LL.M. IP & IT Law

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Vision and Mission of KLE Technological University

Vision

KLE Technological University will be a national leader in Higher Education–recognised globally for innovative culture, outstanding student experience, research excellence and social impact.

Mission

KLE Technological University is dedicated to teaching that meets the highest standards of excellence, generation and application of new knowledge through research and creative endeavours.

The three-fold mission of the University is:

- To offer undergraduate and post-graduate programs with engaged and experiential learning environment enriched by high quality instruction that prepares students to succeed in their lives and professional careers.
- To enable and grow disciplinary and inter-disciplinary areas of research that build on present strengths and future opportunities aligning with areas of national strategic importance and priority.
- To actively engage in the Socio-economic development of the region by contributing our expertise, experience and leadership, to enhance competitiveness and quality of life.

As a unified community of faculty, staff and students, we work together with the spirit of collaboration and partnership to accomplish our mission.

Vision and Mission Statements of the KLE Law College

Vision

To inspire, sculpt, and empower the students through holistic education to attain the objective of 'Learn with Purpose and Live with Purpose'

Mission

- To disseminate industry-oriented legal education of global standards rooted in social values.
- To impart coherent legal education by laying special emphasis on participative clinical learning.
- To promote the values of democracy, diversity, and inclusiveness.
- To calibrate curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities in tune with the vision of the Institution and also foster democratic values.
- To organize community and social concern-oriented programmes in the domain of law with the common man as the focal point.
- To create an apt atmosphere for learning with the aim of developing ethically strong and morally exalted individuals with the values of love, truth, service, and sacrifice.
- To promote research culture and nurture innovative ideas among the faculty and students

Program Educational Objectives/Program Outcomes and Program-Specific Objectives

Program Educational Objectives -PEOs	
LL.M. graduates are expected to attain the following after 2 years of graduation	
1. Legal Competence	Graduates will demonstrate legal competence by effectively applying legal knowledge, critical reasoning, and analytical skills to interpret, draft and argue legal matters in diverse practice areas.
2. Leadership Role	Graduates will actively embrace leadership roles and strive to achieve professional and organisational goals with adherence to legal ethics, professional responsibilities, teamwork and an appreciation of cultural diversity.
3. Societal Development	Graduates will contribute to nation-building by engaging in legal practice, policymaking and advocacy that address societal challenges and uphold constitutional values and justice for all stakeholders.
4. Professional Development	Graduates will actively participate in ongoing professional development, continuously upgrading their legal expertise to adapt to evolving legal landscapes and emerging areas of law in a dynamic global context.
Program Outcomes-POs	
P01. Knowledge of Law: Graduates will demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of substantive and procedural laws across diverse areas of the legal system.	
P02. Facts and Problem Analysis: Graduates will analyse facts and legal issues to identify problems and apply relevant legal principles for resolution.	
P03. Designing Solutions: Graduates will design effective legal solutions, draft arguments and propose policy reforms.	
P04. Conduct Investigations: Graduates will conduct doctrinal and empirical legal research using appropriate methodologies and credible sources.	
P05. Modern Tool Usage: Graduates will utilise modern legal research tools, digital databases and technology-driven legal applications effectively.	
P06. Social Engineering and Society: Graduates will evaluate the role of law as a tool for social transformation and advocate for justice and equity in society.	
P07. Environment and Sustainability: Graduates will recognise environmental concerns and contribute to sustainable legal solutions that uphold ecological balance.	
P08. Ethics: Graduates will demonstrate ethical conduct, practice integrity and maintain accountability in all professional and academic engagements.	

P09. Individual and Teamwork: Graduates will function effectively as individuals and collaborate as team members in multidisciplinary and multicultural settings.

P010. Communication: Graduates will communicate legal ideas, construct arguments, and present findings clearly through persuasive writing and articulate oral advocacy.

P011. Project Management and Finance: Graduates will apply basic principles of project management and financial literacy in legal practice and organisational contexts.

P012. Life-long Learning: Graduates will engage in continuous learning to keep abreast of legal advancements and evolving societal needs.

Program Specific Objectives -PSOs: What graduates will achieve through this programme?

PS01 – Advanced Constitutional Interpretation: Graduates will interpret constitutional provisions, doctrines, and judicial decisions to address complex governance and rights-based issues.

PS02 – Policy and Democratic Governance Analysis: Graduates will analyze the impact of constitutional law on public policy, legislative reforms, and administrative decision-making.

PS03 – Engagement with Contemporary Constitutional Challenges: Graduates will engage with evolving constitutional issues such as federalism, secularism, and constitutional morality through academic and policy research.

Curriculum Structure-Overall

Semester: 1 to 4 (2024-26 Batch) Program Credits: 64				Total
Course with Course Code	I	II	III	IV
	Judicial Process and Law-Making Processes (22LLIC101)	Law and Social Transformation in India (22LLIC104)	Specialisation Course – 4: Patent Law: Creation and Registration (22LLIT201)	Specialisation Course – 8: Information Technology and Intellectual Property Law (22LLIT205)
	Research Methodology (22LLIC102)	Law Pedagogy and Legal Writing (22LLIC105)	Specialisation Course – 5: Law of Designs, Undisclosed information, Plant Varieties and other allied Laws (22LLIT202)	Specialisation Course – 9: Commercialisation of Intellectual Property (22LLIT206)
	Legal Theory and Philosophy (22LLIC103)	Specialisation Course – 2: Copyrights: Law and Practice (22LLIT102)	Specialisation Course - 6: Future of Information Technology Law (22LLIT203)	Dissertation (22LLID201)
	Specialisation Course – 1: Trademarks, Geographical Indication and Unfair Competition (22LLIT101)	Specialisation Course – 3: Data Protection Law (22LLIT103)	Specialisation Course – 7: Intellectual Property Law and Other Laws (22LLIT204)	
Credits	16	16	16	16

Curriculum Structure-Semester-wise

Semester – I

No	Code	Course	Course Type	L-T-P-SS	Credits	ISA	ESA	Total	Exam Duration (in hrs)
1	22LLIC101	Judicial Process and Law-Making Processes	Theory	4-0-0-0	4	50	50	100	3 hours
2	22LLIC102	Research Methodology	Theory	4-0-0-0	4	50	50	100	3 hours
3	22LLIC103	Legal Theory and Philosophy	Theory	4-0-0-0	4	50	50	100	3 hours
4	22LLIT101	<i>Specialisation Course – 1:</i> Trademarks, Geographical Indication and Unfair Competition	Theory	4-0-0-0	4	50	50	100	3 hours
TOTAL					16				

Semester – II

No	Code	Course	Course Type	L-T-P-SS	Credits	ISA	ESA	Total	Exam Duration (in hrs)
1	22LLIC104	Law and Social Transformation in India	Theory	4-0-0-0	4	50	50	100	3 hours
2	22LLIC105	Law Pedagogy and Legal Writing	Skill Development	2-1-1-0	4	100	0	100	NA
3	22LLIT102	<i>Specialisation Course – 2: Copyrights: Law and Practice</i>	Theory	4-0-0-0	4	50	50	100	3 hours
4	22LLIT103	<i>Specialisation Course – 3: Data Protection Law</i>	Theory	4-0-0-0	4	50	50	100	3 hours
TOTAL					16				

Semester III

No	Code	Course	Course Type	L-T-P-SS	Credits	ISA	ESA	Total	Exam Duration (in hrs)
1	22LLIT201	<i>Specialisation Course – 4: Patent Law: Creation and Registration</i>	Theory	4-0-0-0	4	50	50	100	3 hours
2	22LLIT202	<i>Specialisation Course – 5: Law of Designs, Undisclosed information, Plant Varieties and other allied Laws</i>	Theory	4-0-0-0	4	50	50	100	3 hours
3	22LLIT203	<i>Specialisation Course - 6: Future of Information Technology Law</i>	Theory	4-0-0-0	4	50	50	100	3 hours
4	22LLIT204	<i>Specialisation Course – 7: Intellectual Property Law and Other Laws</i>	Theory	4-0-0-0	4	50	50	100	3 hours
TOTAL					16				

Semester IV

No	Code	Course	Course Type	L-T-P-SS	Credits	ISA	ESA	Total	Exam Duration (in hrs)
1	22LLIT205	<i>Specialisation Course – 8: Information Technology and Intellectual Property Law</i>	Theory	4-0-0-0	4	50	50	100	3 hours
2	22LLIT206	<i>Specialisation Course – 9: Commercialisation of Intellectual Property</i>	Theory	4-0-0-0	4	100	0	100	3 hours
3	22LLID201	Dissertation	Practical	0-0-8-0	8	100	0	100	NA
TOTAL					16				

Semester	I	II	III	IV	Total
Credits	16	16	16	16	64

Curriculum Content- Course-wise

Program: PG		Semester: I
Course Title: Judicial Processes and Law-Making Processes		Course Code: 22LLIC101
L-T-P-SS: 4-0-0-0	Credits: 04	
ISA Marks: 50	ESA Marks: 50	Total Marks: 100
Teaching Hours: 60	Examination Duration: 3hrs	
Unit I: Nature of Judicial Process: - Judicial process as an instrument of social ordering; - Judicial process and creativity in law - Common law model - Legal Reasoning and growth of law - Change and stability - Stare decisis - The tools and techniques of judicial creativity and precedent - Identifying ratio decidendi and obiter dicta - Legal development and creativity through legal reasoning under statutory and codified systems		
Unit II: Special Dimensions of Judicial Process in Constitutional Adjudications: - Notions of judicial review - Role in constitutional adjudication - various theories of judicial role - Tools and techniques in policy-making and creativity in constitutional adjudication - Variants of judicial and juristic activism		
Unit III: Problems of accountability and judicial law-making - Judicial Process in India: Indian debate on the role of judges and on the notion of judicial review - The "independence" of judiciary and the "political" nature of judicial process - Judicial activism and creativity of the Supreme Court the tools and techniques of creativity - Institutional liability of courts and judicial activism - scope and limits. - Structural challenges		
Unit IV: Legislation as a source of law: its relationship with other sources of law - Supreme legislation: law making by Indian Parliament; Interaction between law and public opinion - Major rules of interpretation of statutes - Literal or Plain Meaning Rule - Golden Rule - Purposive approach: Mischief Rule; Compromise approach		

Unit V: Nature of legislative drafting:

- Diseases of language to be dealt and taken care of
- Its history in India and England
- Components or parts of legislation and their purposes
- Role of draftsman; the skills, traits and abilities
- Draftsman's duties and responsibilities
- Impact of constitutional values and provisions on legislative drafting
- Impact of the general clauses act upon legislative drafting
- Steps in legislative drafting; pre-draft preparation; drafting
- Deliberation with others;
- Post-draft refinement.

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1. W. Friedman, Law in a Changing Society
2. Julius Stone, The Province and Function of Law, Part II, Chs. 1, 8-16 (2000), Universal, New Delhi.
3. Benjamin Cardozo, The Nature of Judicial Process (1995) Universal, New Delhi
4. Henry J. Abraham, The Judicial Process (1998), Oxford.
5. J. Stone, Precedent and the Law: Dynamics of Common Law Growth (1985) Butterworths
6. W. Friedmann, Legal Theory (1960), Stevens, London
7. Bodenheimer, Jurisprudence - the Philosophy and Method of the Law (1997), Universal, Delhi
8. C. K. Allen, Law in the Making
9. C. K. Allen, Law and Orders
10. Sir Henry Maine, Ancient Law
11. Rupert Cross, Precedents in English Law
12. A. Lakshminath, Judicial Process: Precedent in Indian Law

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2. U. Baxi, The Indian Supreme Court and Politics (1980), Eastern, Lucknow.
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5. Edward H. Levi, An Introduction to Legal Reasoning (1970), University of Chicago.
6. F. C. Cohen, 'Modern Ethics and the Law' (1934) 4 Brooklyn Law Review 33
7. P. Devlin, 'Judges, Government and Politics' (1978) 41 Modern Law Review 501
8. J. Dickinson, 'The Law Behind Law' (1929) 29 Columbia Law Review 285
9. T. K. Vishwanathan, (Ed) G. Rajagopaul's Legislative Drafting: Shaping the Law for the Millennium (Indian Law Institute, 2007)
10. B R Atre, Legislative Drafting: Principles and Techniques (Universal, 2014)
11. Helen Xanthaki, Thornton's legislative Drafting (5th ed); G C Thornton, Legislative Drafting (Butterworths, 1996)
12. Constantin Stefanou and Helen Xanthaki (ed) Drafting Legislation (Ashgate, 2008)
13. Reed Dickerson, Legislative Drafting



14. Reed Dickerson, Interpretation of Statutes
15. G P Singh, Statutory Interpretation (14th ed, 2018)

Program: PG		Semester: I
Course Title: Research Methodology		Course Code: 22LLIC102
L-T-P-SS: 4-0-0-0	Credits: 04	
ISA Marks: 50	ESA Marks: 50	Total Marks: 100
Teaching Hours: 60	Examination Duration: 3hrs	
Unit I: Foundations of Research: • Meaning, objectives, utility of research • Concept of theory, empiricism, deductive and inductive logic • Reflective Thinking Process • Characteristics of scientific method • Understanding the language of research – Concept, Construct, Definition, Variable • Research Process		
Unit II: Idea of Legal Research, Methodology and ensuring quality research • Legal research: introduction • Legal research methodology: purposes and footsteps • Thinking process in legal research: diverse models; objectivity, value neutrality, originality, and ethics in legal research • Choosing, designing, and building the legal research theme • Formulation and testing of hypothesis • Rules against plagiarism • Introduction to kinds of research		
Unit III: Doctrinal Legal Research Methods • Doctrinal legal research as a means of synthesizing facts, thoughts and legal principles • Analytical legal for expanding the legal world • Historical legal research: implications and applications • Philosophical research in law: the possibilities • Comparative method of legal research: nature, process, and potentiality		
Unit IV: Non-doctrinal Methods of Legal Research • Empirical legal research: nature, features and expanding horizons • Tools of data collection in empirical legal research: observation, interview, case study, questionnaire, survey • Qualitative legal research; sampling method: varieties and uses • Quantitative legal research		



Unit V: Integrated methods of legal research and Research Reporting

- Multi-method legal research: nature, need, procedure and potentiality
- Policy research in law
- Action research in law
- Methodology, Legal writing based on research: report writing

Prescribed Book(s):

1. Bhat Ishwara P., Idea and Methods of Legal Research, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019)

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1. Whitney F.L., The Elements of Research, (rev.edn. Prentice Hall, 1948)
2. Goode, William J. and Hatt Paul K., Methods in Social Research, 1st Ind. Re.pt. (Delhi: Surjeet Publications, 2006)
3. Mike McConville and Wing Hong Chi, Research Methods for Law (Edinburg University Press, 2007)
4. SK Verma and Afzal Wani, Legal Research methodology (Indian Law Institution, Second Edition, 2007)
5. Young, Pauling, V (1973) – Scientific Social Surveys & Research, Delhi, Prince Hall of India Pvt., Ltd.
6. Upendra Baxi (1975) – Socio –Legal Research on India: A programs chirift, ICSSR 12, Occasional Monograph.
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8. S.K.Verma and M. Afzal Wani (ed), Legal Research and Methodology, 2nd Edition, ILI Publication (2009)
9. Jonathan Anderson, Poole Millicent E., Thesis and Assignment Writing, John Wiley & Sons Inc. (2002)
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11. Russel L.Ack;off (19530- The Design of Social Research (University of Chicago Press).



Program: PG		Semester: I
Course Title: Legal Theory and Philosophy		Course Code: 22LLIC103
L-T-P-SS: 4-0-0-0	Credits: 04	
ISA Marks: 50	ESA Marks: 50	Total Marks: 100
Teaching Hours: 60	Examination Duration: 3hrs	
Unit I: • Introduction, meaning and importance of Legal theory and philosophy. • Natural law theory of Law - Ancient Greek Philosophy, Sophists, Medieval Thinkers, Modern Thinkers		
Unit II: • Positivist theory of Law – Jeromy Bentham, John Austin, H L A Hart, Hans Kelsen		
Unit III: • Sociological – Roscoe Pound, Historical – Savigny and Puchta		
Unit IV: • Realist theory of Law – American realists, Marxian theory of law		
Unit V: • J S Mill's and Bentham's Utilitarianism, Rawls' Theory of Justice, Amartya Sen's idea of justice. • Dworkin's Rights Based Theory of Justice, Dharma - A duty based approach to justice. Feminist Theories of Justice.		
Prescribed Book(s): 1. Julius Stone – The Province and Function of Law 2. RWM Dias – Jurisprudence 3. Salmond – Jurisprudence 4. Julius Stone – Social Dimensions of Law, 5. Bodenheimer – Jurisprudence 6. Julius Stone – Lawyers Law & Lawyers Reasoning		
References: 1. Lloyd- Introduction to Jurisprudence (latest edition) 2. Roscoe Pound- Jurisprudence- Vol. 1 to 5 3. Roscoe Pound- Introduction to the Philosophy of Law 4. Kelson – The Pure Theory of Law,		

5. D' Entreaves – Natural Law,
6. Summers- Essays on Law,
7. Mill, JS. Utilitarianism, Chapters 1 & 2
8. Sen, Amartya. The idea of justice. Harvard University Press, 2011, Chapters 2
9. Dworkin, Ronald. Taking rights seriously. Harvard University Press, 1978.
10. Posner, Richard A. The Economics of Justice, Harvard University Press, 1981, Chapter 3.
11. Cohen, G.A. If You're An Egalitarian How Come You're So Rich?, Harvard University Press, 2001 (Revised edition). (Excerpts)
12. Okin, Susan Moller. 'Justice and Gender', Philosophy and Public Affairs, 16(1), 1987.



Program: PG		Semester: I
Course Title: Specialisation Course – 1: Law of Trademarks and Geographical Indication		Course Code: 22LLIT101
L-T-P-SS: 4-0-0-0	Credits: 04	
ISA Marks: 50	ESA Marks: 50	Total Marks: 100
Teaching Hours: 60	Examination Duration: 3hrs	
Unit I: Introduction to Intellectual Property • Concept, Nature, Origin and kinds of Intellectual Property; • Theories of Intellectual Property; • Development of Intellectual Property Law; • Balancing the Protection of IPR and Public Policy Objectives; • Unfair Trade Practices and IPRs.		
Unit II: Introduction to Trademark Law • Rationale behind the Protection of Trademarks; • International Treaties and Conventions: Paris Convention, Madrid Agreement and Protocol, NICE Agreement, Trademark Law Treaty, Singapore Law Treaty, TRIPS Agreement and Minimum International Standards for Trade Marks, Development of Trademarks legislations in India; • Origin and growth of Trademarks; Definitions; Essentials and functions of Trademarks.		
Unit III: Origin and Development of Trade Mark Law • Kinds of Marks: Trade Marks, Service Marks, Certification Marks, Collective Marks, Well-known Marks, Common Law Marks, Internet Domain Name • Classification of Trademarks: Traditional and Non traditional • Registration of Trademarks various stages • Grounds for Refusal of Registration, Remedies, Effects of Registration; Vested Rights and Concurrent Registration. • Trade dress and Colour Combination		

Unit IV: Trademark transfer and Infringement

- Assignment, Transmission and Licensing of Trade Marks- Assignment and Transmission
 - Restrictions on Assignment and Transmission; Economic Justification of Trade Mark Licensing - Use of Trademarks by Registered Users - License Agreement and its Supremacy;
- Unfair Competition and Trademark Infringement; Infringement of Rights; Infringing and Non-Infringing Acts, Doctrine of Deceptive Similarity, Passing off action – Common law remedy; Evidentiary Problems in an Action of Passing Off.
- Remedies for Infringement
- Authorities under the Trademarks legislation; Domain Name Disputes and Cyber squatting.

Unit V: Geographical Indications

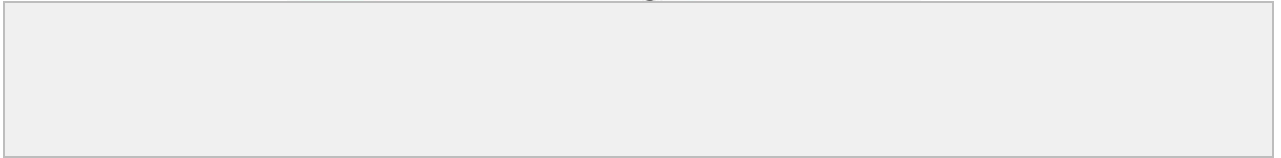
- Need for protecting goods of geographical origin, International provisions Relating to Geographical Indications; Paris Convention, Madrid Agreement, Lisbon Agreement, TRIPS Agreement
- Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 - Concept and Definitions, Protection and Subject matter of GI, Procedure of Registration of GI, Infringement of GI, Importance of GI for India.
- GIs in Regional Perspective- Benefits of registration- case studies

Prescribed Book(s):

1. Ashwani Kumar Bansal, Law of Trademarks in India, 1st ed., Commercial Law Publishers Pvt. Ltd. (2003).
2. The Law of Geographical Indications, Vandana Singh, Eastern Law House (2007).
3. Cornish and Llewelyn, Intellectual Property: Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks and Allied Rights, 1st ed., Sweet and Maxwell (2007).
4. Narayanan P.S., Law and Trademarks and Passing Off, 5th Ed. Eastern Law House (2000).
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1. Correa M. Carlos, Oxford Commentaries on the GATT/WTO agreements: Trade Related Aspect of Intellectual Property Rights, 1st ed., Oxford Press (2007).
2. Dana Shilling, Essentials of Trademarks and Unfair Competition, 1st ed., Wiley (2006) . Deborah E. Bouchoux, Intellectual Property, 1st ed., Thomson Legal Studies (2005).
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5. Rodney D Ryder, Trademarks Advertising and Brand Protection, 1st ed. MACMILLAN India Ltd. (2006).
6. UNCTAD-ICTSD, Resource book on TRIPS and Development, Cambridge University Press (2005).Chapter 3





Program: PG		Semester: II
Course Title: Law and Social Transformation in India		Course Code: 22LLIC104
L-T-P-SS: 4-0-0-0	Credits: 4	
ISA Marks: 50	ESA Marks: 50	Total Marks: 100
Teaching Hours: 0	Examination Duration: 3 hrs	

Unit I: Theoretical foundation

- Historical and evolutionary theories
- Gandhian philosophy on social change
- Relationship between law and society
- Constitution and social transformation

Unit II: Religion, law and social transformation

- Religion as a unifying factor
- Religion as a divisive factor - Secularism as a solution
- Reforms in personal laws on secular lines
- Religious minorities and the constitution

Unit III: Law and gender justice

- Gender based social conflicts
- Social and economic empowerment of women
- Gender based violence - Law and policy
- Feminist critique of Indian jurisprudence

Unit IV: Law and Poverty alleviation

- Poverty alleviation: Law and policy framework
- Access to justice - Legal aid
- Agrarian reforms - Constitutional perspective
- Law and education policy- Access to universal education

Unit V: Strategies for social inclusion and empowerment

- Empowerment of the backward classes
- Protection and empowerment of tribal community
- Regionalism, law and social transformation
- Reforms in justice delivery system
- Role of NGOs and Local self-governments



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1. P Ishwara Bhat, Law and Social Transformation, EBC Publications, 2nd edition (2022).

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1. W. Friedmann, Law in a Changing Society, Rothman (Fred B.) & Co, U.S. (1988).
2. Julius Stone, Social Dimensions of Law and Justice, Stevens & Sons Ltd., (1966)
3. Upendra Baxi, The Crisis of Indian Legal System, Vikas Publishing House, New Delhi, (1982).
4. Upendra Baxi, Law and Poverty, N.M.Tripathi Pvt. Ltd. Publications, (1988).
5. P. K. Gandhi (Ed.), Social Action Through Law, Department of Law, Special Issue, Cochin University Law Review, (1984) , pp. 433-546.



Program: PG		Semester: II
Course Title: Law Pedagogy and Legal Writing		Course Code: 22LLIC105
L-T-P-SS: 2-1-1-0	Credits: 4	
ISA Marks: 100	ESA Marks: 0	Total Marks: 100
Teaching Hours: 30	Examination Duration: NA	

Unit I: Legal education and methods of teaching

- Teaching and Teacher
- Legal education in India – Evolution, Reforms and Challenges
- Role of a Law Teacher
- Teaching Methods in Law - Lecture Method, Case Method, Problem Method, Discussion Method, Simulation and Role Play, Collaborative Teaching, Seminar Method and Other methods

Unit II: Outcome-based education (OBE)

- Outcome-based legal education
- Programme outcomes
- Course outcomes
- Lesson outcomes
- Tools and techniques of OBE
- Salient features of Bloom's Taxonomy

Unit III: Curriculum drafting and deployment

- Learning objectives
- Curriculum planning
- Developing teaching plans
- Teaching professional values and skills
- Employing clinical methods in teaching law
- Practical training courses and skills training
- Extension services - Legal aid and legal awareness

Unit IV: Assessment planning and execution

- Assessment and evaluation of student's performance
- Examination system
- Problems in evaluation
- Methods of evaluation - Continuous evaluation, end-term exams, assessment and supervision

Unit V: Legal writing

- Legal Writing - Articles, case analysis and book reviews
- Skills, tools and techniques
- Ethics
- Plagiarism
- Research supervision and inculcation of good practices

Prescribed Book(s):

1. Louise G. Trubek (Edt.), Educating for Justice Around the World: Legal Education, Legal Practice and the Community, Ashgate Publishing Company, USA (1997)
2. Madhava Menon, Legal Education for Professional Responsibility–An Appraisal of the New Pattern, Legal Education in India Status and Problems, BCI Trust, New Delhi (1983).
3. N. R. Madhava Menon (ed.) Clinical Legal Education: Concept and Concerns, A Handbook on Clinical Legal Education, Eastern Book Co., (1998).
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5. Gerald F. Hess and Steven Friedland, Techniques for Teaching Law, Carolina Academic Press, (1999).

Program: PG		Semester: II
Course Title: <i>Specialisation Course – 2: Copyrights: Law and Practice</i>		Course Code: 22LLIT102
L-T-P-SS: 4-0-0-0	Credits: 04	
ISA Marks: 50	ESA Marks: 50	Total Marks: 100
Teaching Hours: 60	Examination Duration: 3hrs	
Unit I: Introduction • Purpose and Objectives • Principles of Copyright protection • Evolution of Copyright Law		
Unit II: International Copyright Law • Introduction to Various Copyright Treaties • Bilateral Copyright Treaties • Multilateral Copyright Treaties		
Unit III: Copyright Law in India • Historical development of Copyright law in India • Nature and Subject Matter of Copyright • Term of Copyright • Author and Ownership of Copyright		
Unit IV: Copyrights: Registration, rights and infringement • Procedure of Registration of a Copyright • Rights Conferred by Copyright • Copyrights- Related rights • Infringement - Statutory exceptions, Fair Use Doctrine • Fair Use Doctrine- Comparison of US, UK and India, ISP liability		
Unit V: Copyrights: Management, transfer and remedies • Collective management of Copyrights and related rights • Transfer of Copyright • Remedies against infringement		
Prescribed Book(s): 1. Coppinger and Skone James, Copyright Law, Vol 1, Sweet & Maxwell, (2010). 2. David Nimmer, Copyright Law, LexisNexis, (2007).		

3. Gopalkrishnan, N.S. and Agitha T.G, Principles of Intellectual Property, Eastern Book Company, (2009).
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4. S. Sivakumar and Lisa P. Lukose, Broadcasting Reproduction Right in India: Copyright and Neighbouring Right Issues, ILI, New Delhi, (2013).
5. Paul Goldstein, International Copyright: Principles, Law, and Practice, Oxford University Press, (2012).
6. Ananth Padmanabhan, Intellectual Property Rights Infringement and Remedies, Lexis Nexis, (2012).

Program: PG		Semester: II
Course Title: <i>Specialisation Course – 3: Data Protection Law</i>		Course Code: 22LLIT103
L-T-P-SS: 4-0-0-0	Credits: 04	
ISA Marks: 50	ESA Marks: 50	Total Marks: 100
Teaching Hours: 60	Examination Duration: 3hrs	
Unit I: Introduction • Data: Meaning, kinds and importance • Economics of data • Technology and data • Data protection- Terminology and need • Ethical considerations in data protection		
Unit II: Data Protection • Concept of privacy • Informational privacy and data protection • Evolution of data protection law • Constitutional approach • Data protection under International Law • Principles of data protection		
Unit III: Data Protection Law in the UK • Commission Reports • Legislative Framework – General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), 2016, The Data Protection Act, 2018 • Judicial developments		
Unit IV: Data Protection Law in the USA • Federal and State Legislations • Sector-Specific Regulations • Judicial developments		
Unit V: Data Protection Law in India • Justice B. N. Srikrishna Committee Report • Data protection under different statutes • The Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 • Judicial developments		
Prescribed Book(s): 1. Pavan Duggal, Data Protection Law in India, Universal Law Publishing Co. (2016).		

2. Hert, De Paul, Research Handbook on Privacy and Data Protection Law: Values, Norms and Global Politic, Edward Elgar Publishing, Massachusetts, USA, (2022).
3. Taal Amie, The GDPR Challenge: Privacy, Technology, and Compliance in an Age of Accelerating Change, CRC Press, Florida, United States, (2021).
4. Ashima Oban, Anghrij Chakrabarthy, Amar, Oakbridge's Data Protection Laws Demystified, Eastern Book Company, Lucknow, (2020).

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1. Naavi, Personal Data Protection Act of India (PDPA 2020): Be Aware, Be Ready and Be Compliant, Notion Press, (2022).
2. Naavi, Personal Data Protection Standard of India (PDPSI): A Complete Certifiable Framework for Data Privacy Implementation, Notion Press, (2022).
3. Robert Walters, Leon Trakman, Bruno Zeller, Data Protection Law, Springer Publishing House, Singapore, (2019).
4. Peter Carey, Data Protection: A Practical Guide to UK Law, OUP, Oxford, (2020).



Program: PG		Semester: II
Course Title: <i>Specialisation Course – 4: Patent Law: Creation and Registration</i>		Course Code: 22LLIT201
L-T-P-SS: 4-0-0-0	Credits: 04	
ISA Marks: 50	ESA Marks: 50	Total Marks: 100
Teaching Hours: 60	Examination Duration: 3hrs	
Unit I: Overview of the Patent Law • Rationale for Patent System • Need, development and essentials of patent system • The Indian Patents Act, 1970 with Patent Amendment Act 2005 • Public Health and Intellectual Property Rights • Free Knowledge <i>vis a vis</i> Patent regime		
Unit II: Patent Registration and Grant of patent • Patent Offices in India –Jurisdiction, Powers and Functions of Officers • Patent Process Prosecution • Types of Patent Applications: Contents and Types • Patent Office Procedures, Various Forms and Fees • Utility Patent, Plant Patents, Design Patents in US • WIPO, PCT and Procedure		
Unit III: Requisites and understanding of patent application • Patent Specifications - Provisions of Acts in Indian, US, EU and PCT • Physical requirements of Specification and their Function • Principles of Construction of Specification and Claims • Practical Workout —Specification and Claims		
Unit IV: Other Important Aspects of Patent Law • Term of a Patent • Working of a Patent • Compulsory Licensing • Licenses of Right • Software Patents and Business Methods		

Unit V: Enforcement of Patents - Patent Infringement with Case Studies

- Rights and Obligations of the Patentee
- Infringement & Remedies: Literal Infringement, Infringement by Equivalents – Doctrine of Equivalents, Defenses to Infringement
- Jurisdiction of the Courts

Prescribed Book(s):

1. Elizabeth Verkey, Law of Patents, 2nd edn, Eastern Book Company (2012).
2. K.C.Kankanala, A.K.Narasani and V.Radhakrishnan Indian Patent Law and Practice, Oxford University Press (2012)

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- Ahuja V. K., Intellectual Property Rights in India, Lexis Nexis Butterworth's Wadhwa, Vol 1 & 2, 1st edn. (2009) .
- Bainbridge, David, Intellectual Property, 6th Edition. Pearson Longsman (2006).
- Calstone Catherine and Middleton Kirsty, Modern Intellectual Property Law, 2nd edn, Cavendish Publishing Pvt. Ltd. (2005).
- Cornish W & Llewellyn D., Intellectual Property: Patents, Copyright, Trademarks & Allied Rights, Sweet & Maxwell (2010.)
- Faber Robert C., Landis on Mechanics of Patent Claim Drafting, 5th Edition, Practising Law Institute (2003).
- Ganguli Prabuddha, Intellectual Property Rights: Unleashing the Knowledge Economy, TATA McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, New Delhi (2001).
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- Merges, Robert. Menell, Peter and Lemley, Mark, Intellectual Property in the New Technological Age, Aspen Publishers, Inc. (2008).
- WIPO Handbook of IPR.



Program: PG		Semester: III
Course Title: <i>Specialisation Course – 5: Law on Designs, Undisclosed Information, Plant Varieties and Other Allied Laws</i>		Course Code: 22LLIT202
L-T-P-SS: 4-0-0-0	Credits: 04	
ISA Marks: 50	ESA Marks: 50	Total Marks: 100
Teaching Hours: 60	Examination Duration: 3hrs	
Unit I: Law of Designs • Meaning and features of designs. • International perspective in designs • Historical development of designs law in India • Role of judiciary in fostering design law in India. • Distinction between designs, trademarks and patents.		
Unit II: Process under Law of Design • Process of registration • Power of Controller • Infringement and remedies		
Unit III: Undisclosed Information (Trade secrets) • Meaning and usage of undisclosed information. • International conventions – WTO, TRIPS etc • Undisclosed information and patents • Law relating to undisclosed information		
Unit IV: Plant Varieties in India • Meaning and features of the different plant varieties • International conventions and practice • Historical development of PVFR in India • Judicial development of the legislation. • License of Plant varieties • National Gene Fund and its role		
Unit V: Farmers' Right in India and International Conventions • Concept of benefit sharing, community rights and compensation of communities. • Comparative analysis of rights of farmers: other countries • Case studies • Contribution of International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV Convention)		



Prescribed Book(s):

1. Verkey Elizabeth, Law of Plant Varieties Protection, Eastern Book Company 1st edn.,2007 (reprint with supplement 2021).
2. Verkey Elizabeth, Intellectual Property Rights: Law and practice, Eastern BookCompany 1st edn., 2015.

Program: PG		Semester: III
Course Title: <i>Specialisation Course – 6: Future of Information Technology Law</i>		Course Code: 22LLIT203
L-T-P-SS: 4-0-0-0	Credits: 04	
ISA Marks: 50	ESA Marks: 50	Total Marks: 100
Teaching Hours: 60	Examination Duration: 3hrs	

Unit I: Introduction to Information Technology

- A brief overview of Information Technology Act, 2000.
- IT Act, 2000 v. IT Amendment Act, 2008.
- Relevant provisions from Indian Penal Code, Indian Evidence Act, Bankers Book Evidence Act, Reserve Bank of India Act.

Unit II: Electronic Signature and Digital Signature

- Relevance of signature
- Handwritten signature v. Digital signature
- Technological advancement and development of signature and its legal provisions
- Cryptography, Public and Private Key, Public Key Infrastructure
- Electronic signature
- UNCITRAL model on electronic signature

Unit III: E- Commerce and E – Governance

- Meaning and origin of E- Commerce
- Tools of E -Commerce
- Mode of E-Commerce
- UNCITRAL model on E-Commerce
- E-Commerce under IT, 2000.
- Issues and challenges of E-Commerce
- Meaning and concept of E-Governance
- Model of E-Governance
- Legal status of E-Governance in UNCITRAL model and IT, Act 2000.

Unit IV: Electronic evidence and its appreciation

- Concept of Electronic records and electronic evidence
- Recognition of electronic records under the UNCITRAL model and IT, Act 2000.
- Types of electronic evidence
- Sources of electronic evidence
- Technical issues
- Admissibility of electronic evidence under Indian laws.



Unit V: Emerging issues in cyber space

- Basic introduction to cyber laws
- Crimes – An introduction
- Cloud computing
- Big Data
- Internet of Things
- Artificial Intelligence and its legal implications.

Prescribed Book(s):

1. Chris Reed, Internet Law- Text and Materials, Universal Law Publishing Co. New Delhi, 2nd Edition, 2005.
2. Nandan Kamath, Law Relating to Computers, Internet and E-Commerce, Universal Law Publishing Co. New Delhi, 5th Edition, 2012.

List of Statutes/Conventions/ Rules etc.:

1. UNCITRAL model law on E-Commerce 1996
2. UNCITRAL model on E-Signatures 2001
3. The Information Technology Act, 2001
4. GDPR

Program: PG		Semester: III
Course Title: <i>Specialisation Course – 7: Commercialisation of Intellectual Property</i>		Course Code: 22LLIT204
L-T-P-SS: 4-0-0-0	Credits: 04	
ISA Marks: 50	ESA Marks: 50	Total Marks: 100
Teaching Hours: 60	Examination Duration: 3hrs	
Unit I: Introduction to IP commercialization • Meaning, Scope and significance of IP Commercialisation • Types of IP commercialisation: licensing, technology transfer, franchising, strategic partnerships, etc. • Benefits and challenges of IP commercialisation		
Unit II: Strategies for IP Commercialisation • Identifying IP commercialisation opportunities • IP valuation methods and techniques • Developing an IP commercialisation strategy		
Unit III: Legal and Regulatory Considerations in IP Commercialisation • Intellectual property licensing agreements • Technology transfer agreements • Franchise agreements • IP infringement and enforcement issues		
Unit IV: Negotiation and Contract Drafting for IP Commercialisation • Negotiation techniques for IP commercialisation deals • Drafting effective IP commercialisation contracts • Ensuring contractual compliance and dispute resolution mechanisms		
Unit V: Emerging Trends and Future Outlook • Emerging technologies and their impact on IP commercialisation • International perspectives on IP commercialisation • Current trends and future opportunities in India's IP ecosystem		
Prescribed Book(s): 1. Intellectual Property-Law and Management, Ashwin Madhavan and Rodney D.Ryder, Bloomsbury (2018). 2. Intellectual Property Rights: Infringement and Remedies, Ananth Padmanabhan, LexisNexis (2012).		

Readings:

1. Intellectual Property: From Creation to Commercialisation: A Practical Guide for Innovators and Researchers, Oak Tree press (2012).
2. Perception of Innovation to Commercialisation of Intellectual Property, Charles Kwitonda Uwimana, LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing (2019).
3. "Indian Patent Law and Practice: Oxford India Short Introductions" by K. S. Kardam
4. "Licensing Intellectual Property in the Digital Age" by Richard Raysman, Edward A. Pisacreta, Kenneth A. Adler, and Matthew A. Newcomer.
5. Article: "Technology Transfer in India: Challenges and Opportunities" by Soumen Bagchi and Siddhartha Ghosh - This article discusses the challenges and opportunities in technology transfer and IP commercialization in India. It provides insights into the evolving landscape of technology transfer and the associated legal and regulatory considerations.
6. Report: "Annual Report 2020-2021" by the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs, and Trademarks (CGPDTM) - The annual report of CGPDTM provides statistics and insights into the IP landscape in India. It covers patent filings, trademark registrations, and other relevant data, giving students a broader understanding of IP commercialization trends in the country.
7. Report: "Indian Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF)" - The IBEF website (www.ibef.org) offers reports and publications related to various industries in India, including intellectual property. Students can access reports on IP-driven sectors, case studies, and market insights to understand the commercialization of IP in specific industries.
8. Case Study: "Case Study: Chumbak - Building a Lifestyle Brand from India" by Indian School of Business - This case study explores the journey of Chumbak, an Indian lifestyle brand that successfully commercialized its IP. It provides valuable insights into branding, licensing, and IP commercialization strategies.
9. Case Study: "Case Study: Tata's Acquisition of Jaguar Land Rover" by Indian School of Business - This case study examines Tata Motors' acquisition of Jaguar Land Rover and highlights the strategic considerations and IP commercialization aspects of the deal. It offers insights into IP valuation, technology transfer, and international IP commercialization.

Program: PG		Semester: IV
Course Title: <i>Specialisation Course – 8: Information Technology and Intellectual Property Rights- Law and Practice</i>		Course Code: 22LLIT205
L-T-P-SS: 4-0-0-0	Credits: 04	
ISA Marks: 50	ESA Marks: 50	Total Marks: 100
Teaching Hours: 60	Examination Duration: 3hrs	
Unit I: Patents and IT - Patents in the IT industry - Patent-driven trends in IT sector - Standard Essential Patents (SEPs) and requirements for patenting IT - Patent infringement and litigation		
Unit II: Copyrights and IT - Copyright protection and its scope in IT industry - Digital rights management - Fair use and exceptions in the digital realm - Copyright infringement and enforcement - Issues related to software copyrights		
Unit III: Trademarks and IT - Trademarks and registration process in IT industry - Domain names and trademark disputes - Trademark infringement and dilution in IT sector - Ambush Marketing and Brand Protection - Protecting trademarks in the digital space		
Unit IV: Licensing and Technology Transfer - Licensing agreements and their role in IT - Technology transfer and commercialisation - The Fair, Reasonable and Non-Discriminatory (FRAND) Licensing Practice and SEPs - Open-source software and licensing models - Overlapping intellectual property rights and regulation		
Unit V: IP in the Digital Age - Ethical and social considerations - Impact of emerging technologies on IP - Challenges in protecting IP in the digital age - Artificial intelligence and IP issues		

- Block-chain and IP management
- Ethical issues related to IP in IT
- Balancing IP rights with the public interest
- Open access and open innovation

Readings:

1. P. Narayanan, Intellectual Property Law in India, Eastern Law House, (2020), 3rd Edition.
2. Georg Borges and Christoph Sorge, Law and Technology in a Global Digital Society: Autonomous Systems, Big Data, IT Security and Legal Tech; Springer, (2022), 2nd Edition.
3. Kalyan C. Kankanala, Indian Patent Law and Practice, Oxford India Paperbacks, (2012).
4. Philip Johnson, Ambush Marketing and Brand Protection, Oxford University Press, (2021), 3rd Edition.
5. "Internet Law: Text and Materials" by Chris Reed; Universal Law Publishing Co. Pvt. Ltd., (2004), 2nd Edition.
6. Neil Wilkof, Shamnad Basheer and Irene Calboli, "Overlapping Intellectual Property Rights", Oxford University Press, (2023), 2nd Edition.

Program: PG		Semester: IV
Course Title: <i>Specialisation Course – 9: Commercialisation of Intellectual Property</i>		Course Code: 22LLIT206
L-T-P-SS: 4-0-0-0	Credits: 04	
ISA Marks: 50	ESA Marks: 50	Total Marks: 100
Teaching Hours: 60	Examination Duration: 3hrs	
Unit I: Introduction to commercialisation of intellectual property - Economic theories of intellectual property - Economic value of inventions and creations - Commercialisation of IP - Meaning, scope and significance - Identifying IP commercialisation opportunities - Intellectual property cycle - Need for balancing IP right <i>vis-à-vis</i> public interest		
Unit II: Strategies, Valuation and Auditing - IP Strategy: Licensing and assignment; sale; manufacturing and distribution; franchising; joint ventures and partnerships; IP holding companies; crowdfunding and presale - Key factors for selecting IP Strategy - IP Valuation: Cost-based method; market-based method; income-based method; relief-from-royalty method; option-based method - Factors affecting IP valuation - IP Audit: Objectives, types and steps		
Unit III: Negotiation, drafting and dispute resolution - Negotiation in IP Commercialisation: Techniques, process and factors affecting negotiation - Drafting IP Commercialisation Contracts: Due-diligence, licensing agreements, assignment agreements, joint venture agreements, Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs), development agreements, manufacturing agreements, distribution agreements, franchise agreements - Dispute Resolution: Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)		
Unit IV: Regulatory Framework - Patents: Assignment, licensing and compulsory licensing - Trademarks: Registered User and assignment - Copyright: Assignment, licensing and copyright societies - Geographical Indications of Goods: Registered Users - Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights: Farmers Rights and Breeders Rights - Information Technology: Digital Rights Management (DRM) - Biodiversity: Access and benefit-sharing		

Unit V: International Law and Recent Trends

- International Instruments: TRIPS Agreement, Paris Convention, Berne Convention, Madrid System, Patent Cooperation Treaty, Hague Agreement, Budapest Treaty, WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT) and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT)
- Recent Trends: National Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy, 2016, Start-ups Intellectual Property Protection (SIPP), Technology Transfer Offices (TTOs), Unitary Patent System, Digital Transformation and IT Innovations, IP Financing and Monetization

Prescribed Readings:

1. John P. Mc Manus, Intellectual Property: From Creation to Commercialisation, Oak Tree Press (2012).
2. Ashwin Madhavan and Rodney D. Ryder, Intellectual Property-Law and Management, Bloomsbury (2018).
3. Ananth Padmanabhan, Intellectual Property Rights: Infringement and Remedies, LexisNexis (2012).

Reference Readings:

1. Dr. Pinaki Ghosh, Inclusive Wealth Generation Through IP Commercialisation, Thomson Reuters (2024).
2. Prabuddha Ganguli, Intellectual Property Rights: Unleashing The Knowledge Economy, McGraw Hill Education, (2017).
3. Ashish Bharadwaj, Intellectual Property and Competitive Strategies in the 21st Century, Kluwer Law International (2009).

