UCL LDROP2102 Université catholique de Louvain

In-depth study of questions on intellectual property rights

5.0 credits

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Teacher(s) :	Strowel Alain ;
Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes :	The course name signifies that " questions " are involved. This means that choices may seem appropriate but which may subsequently be modified. The course will in particular address: a question of patent law, such as patentability in the pharmaceutical sector and access to drugs or issues relating to the patenting of living organisms; a question of copyright for example in the context of the "digital revolution". another question about distinctive signs, individual or collective. The importance of distribution trademarks or recognisable trademarks. International aspects will be featured, as the course inevitably lies within the context of globalisation, the free movement of goods and services and the desire to fragment markets often pursued by companies. The course has an interdisciplinary approach, not only towards economics but also other branches of law, e.g. tax law.
Aims :	To give students wishing to improve their basic knowledge of intellectual property the opportunity to study some eminently topical aspects. More precisely, after this course the student should be able: to be conversant with the principle regulations on intellectual property at national, European and international levels; to understand the role of intellectual property in the world economy and in company strategies. to apply the regulations studied to concrete situations and to critically evaluate the legal system in force. This course is part of a cohesive option which comprises three courses. The lecturers for the courses in this option are a team; they cooperate on the content and methods for each course to ensure that they are complementary. The course makes use of participatory teaching methods (learning through projects or problems, comments on case-law or doctrines, debates with invited speakers, hands-on studies) to enable the student to make their own critical, searching and inventive observations. The student is encouraged to take an active part in the course and to involve him/herself with this learning experience which has an individual as well as collective aspect. To this end, the lecturers within the Faculty cooperate on the various options within the teaching programme implemented. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Other infos :	It is highly desirable that students should have at least the BAC3 level in Intellectual Property. For those students at third-year degree level ("licence") who wish to take this course, some basic reading will be recommended. A good understanding of English (at least in reading) will be very useful given the very international nature of this field. Course notes will be made available during the second quadrimester. Students will be evaluated by oral examination.
Cycle and year of study :	 Master 120 of arts in Business engineering Master [120] in Management Master 120 in Management Master [120] in Business Engineering Master [120] in Law Master [120] in Law (shift schedule) Advanced Master in European Law Master [120] in Biology of Organisms and Ecology Master [120] in Biochemistry and Molecular and Cell Biology
Faculty or entity in charge:	BUDR