COURSE NAME: Patent Law

CATALOGUE NUMBER: Law 8882

PROFESSOR: Holman

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: Intellectual Property Law


METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE: Final exam and participation in class discussions and exercises

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:
This course will focus primarily on substantive U.S. patent law, including the laws governing the patentability of particular inventions, the patent procurement process, the rights granted by a patent (including limitations on these rights, such as antitrust law), and patent enforcement and litigation. As time permits, the course will explore policy issues raised by the current patent system, discuss proposals for reform and international harmonization, and consider alternatives to patent protection such as trade secret and regulatory exclusivity.

COURSE CONTENT:
See Summary Description

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:
The course is particularly relevant for students interested in careers as intellectual property attorneys, particularly in the areas of patent litigation and patent prosecution. Beyond this core group, and in view of the growing commercial importance of patents, any student contemplating a practice associated with business or technology should be familiar with the basic concepts of patent law provided by this course. Moreover, patent law overlaps with a variety of other areas of practice, such as licensing, antitrust, health and drug law, and international law; students interested in these and other areas would find the course relevant.