



MASTER PROGRAMME (ONE YEAR)
EUROPEAN
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW



Intellectual Property

Intellectual Property (IP) Law has historically been an international discipline as opposed to what is the case with other traditional areas of law. IP Law has not only great political and economic significance but also great cultural significance. Today, Internet and other forms of international telecommunications clearly demonstrate that IP recognises no national borders. These new forms of communications have also made us realise our own dependence on IP law.

To the challenges to the traditional IP system belongs the new technologies' impact on the traditional IP structures. The system as such has become more complex. Modern developments have led to the convergence of the various modalities of IP law, which creates new situations that have to be handled skilfully by intellectual property lawyers, for which the demand is constantly increasing.

A recent internationalising factor is the gradual development of a European Union (EU) IP system, which gradually has had a unifying effect on the national laws of the Member States. In the EU great emphasis is today put on the IP developments, which are considered as an important growth factor. Even if this harmonisation process takes time, those who are knowledgeable today in the challenging field of EU IP law have the opportunity to influence the development tomorrow.

A profile area of Stockholm University

The Department of Law at Stockholm University has since long had a strong IP profile and attracted postgraduate students from around the world. This makes Stockholm a natural place to engage in an intellectually vigorous study of both the theory and practice of European IP Law. Since 12 years the special European IP Master programme has proved its success with some 300 examined students spread all around the world working at private companies, in law firms, in administration and in academia.

The Programme

The programme in European IP Law encompasses a total of 60 credit points, of which 30 credits are devoted to a qualified Master Thesis. Classes in the Master's programme are led by renowned Nordic researchers composed of Professors (LL.D.) of private law of and Doctoral Candidates (LL.M.) specializing in their respective fields. Intensive training in writing and oral presentation, separate and in groups, give students an opportunity to train and develop their skills in this challenging field. As is well known qualified IP lawyers have excellent employment market prospects.

The programme in European IP Law is designed to be flexible both in the sense that it enables a certain amount of distance learning/commuting, with two full days of lectures and obligatory seminars every second weekend. It is also flexible in the sense that it allows for and encourages specialization. All students take one general compulsory course of Advanced IP Law (15 credits) and can then choose one elective course in the area of IP Law (15 credits each) from the two courses offered: Copyright and Transborder Litigation and Industrial Property- Patents and Trade marks.



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