

Patent Law
Missouri University of Science and Technology
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Course Syllabus

Tuesdays: 7:00 p.m. -9:30 p.m.
<http://www.mst.edu/~canisr/patentlaw>

Notice to Students with Disabilities

If you have a documented disability and anticipate needing accommodations in this course, you are strongly encouraged to meet with me early in the semester. You will need to request that the Disability Services staff send a letter to me verifying your disability and specifying the accommodation you will need before I can arrange your accommodation. More information is available here: **<http://dss.mst.edu>**

Prerequisites

Senior or graduate standing.

Course Description

A presentation of the relationship between patent law and engineering for students involved with developing and protecting new technology or pursuing a career in patent law. Topics include an intense study of patentability and patent protection including preparation of patent applications and prosecution before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, patent licensing and agreements, patent litigation and legal opinions, and international patent practice. The class also provides a comparison of patent law to the other types of intellectual property.

Course Textbook

Cases and Materials on Patent Law, Adelman, Rader, and Thomas, West Academic Publishing
2014 (4th Edition)
ISBN-13: 978-0314274366 (print book)

Contact Information

As the course will be taught via video teleconference, I will have no formal office hours. However, subject to the availability of the video teleconferencing equipment, I will be available before and after class to answer questions.

I am available at my office (314) 684-6616 and through e-mail at canisr@mst.edu. I will give you my mobile number during our first class.

Class Format

This class will have three types of students; ECC students that are physically in the classroom, Campus students that are participating with two-way video in a classroom at the Rolla campus and Internet students that will view the class using real-time streaming video delivered over the Internet. The Internet students will also participate in class discussions and presentations by toll-free telephone connections and/or WebEx.

Important Links

WebEx: <http://mst.webex.com>

Website for accessing slides and video in real-time during class.

Class Website: <http://www.mst.edu/~canistr/patentlaw>

All of the reading materials and course assignments will be posted on the class website.

Class Preparation

Before we meet each evening from 7:00 - 9:30, please download and print out the notes and other materials. You should have the lecture materials in front of you during the lectures to follow along and take notes. All class materials are available under the course schedule at www.mst.edu/~canistr/patentlaw/schedule.html

Course Grading

Weight	Graded Work
30%	Examination 1
30%	Examination 2
30%	Final Examination
10%	Attendance, Participation, and Oral Presentation

I reserve the right to curve final grades higher on an individual and classroom basis. As discussed during the semester, bonus points may also be available using Canvas. Please note that the Academic Alert system may be used to issue a warning when warranted. More information about the system is available here: <http://academicalert.mst.edu/>

Examinations

All examinations are mandatory and will be posted on the class website. The examinations are open book, open note, and open video archive. Late examinations may be penalized ten percent (10%) per day, unless prior arrangements have been made.

Book Report

None.

Course Project

None.

Reading Assignments

Course readings are listed per day on the schedule link of the above course website. Make sure to read the material prior to the start of class.

Live Participation Requirements

I cannot possibly listen to myself talk for 2½ hours. Thus, I will have active and lively classroom discussions. I will not only ask you about facts and rules, but we will often ask your thoughts on cases and issues. Be prepared by reading the materials listed on the schedule in advance of class.

Class Attendance and Lateness

Unless you have made prior arrangements with me, you must attend class according to the registered course type. In addition, you may be counted late if you are not present at the start, end, or during class. Students that are unexcused for 2 or more classes may be dropped from the class or have their final grade reduce by a letter grade at my discretion.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic Dishonesty is subject to the rules in the Academic Regulations available at <http://registrar.mst.edu/academicregs/>.

Course Schedule

The topic and their respective dates are posted on the course website but are subject to change. Please check the scheduling section for the most up to date information.

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