



Intellectual Property (Law 388)
Spring 2007
Professor Eric Goldman

1. **SESSIONS.** The course meets in Room 139 every Tuesday 9:00 am to 10:15 am from January 9 to April 24. There will be no class on February 20 (an administrative Monday) or March 6 and 8 (Spring Break).
2. **BOOKS.** Merges, Menell & Lemley, *Intellectual Property in the New Technological Age* (4th edition 2006; ISBN 0-7355-5866-3) and *Intellectual Property in the New Technological Age 2006 Statutory Supplement* (ISBN 0-7355-5774-8). In addition, you will need the supplement I hand out in class.
3. **READINGS** (subject to change).

Introduction and Overview (approx. 1 week): 1-31

Trade Secrets (approx. 2 weeks): 33-115

Patents (approx. 3 weeks): 117-263,¹ 300-330

Copyright (approx. 3½ weeks): 367-564, 600-616

Trademarks (approx. 3 weeks): 617-679, 699-740 [WRT dilution, see the Trademark Dilution Revision Act in my supplement], 769-826

Publicity Rights (approx. 1 week): 886-913

Note 1: This is a statutory course at heart. so you should read the applicable statutes discussed in the casebook. **THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR READING THE STATUTE!**

Note 2: I will discuss the casebook's problems in class only occasionally, so you may skim them if you want.

4. GRADING.

Attendance

In-class material and discussions are crucial to this course, so I expect you to attend every class. However, because our lives are unpredictable, you have five “free passes” for unexcused absences (no need to notify me in advance). I will excuse absences only for very good cause.

¹ Some problems in Chapter 3 are misplaced: Problem 3-4 (p. 154) should be p. 159; Problem 3-5 (p. 154) should be p. 192; Problem 3-6 (p. 154) should be p. 195; Problem 3-7 (p. 184) should be p. 201; Problem 3-8 (p. 195) should be p. 184; Problem 3-9 (p. 201) should be p. 292.

Your sixth unexcused absence may trigger a significant penalty to your final course grade. At my option, I may drop you from the course or give you an F upon a seventh unexcused absence.

Final Exam

Except for any adjustments due to unexcused absences, the final exam will constitute 100% of the course grade. The final exam will be a take-home exam, probably consisting of two essay questions with a maximum word count. I plan to provide you the exam questions some time during the week of April 23. I have not decided on a due date yet.

5. OFFICE HOURS. I can schedule a time to speak with you at your convenience. Please email me to make an appointment. I'm also happy to talk by email.

6. CONTACT.

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