

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

Intellectual Property Law

Reference	BS4216	Version	6
Created	February 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 10
Approved	June 2017	SCQF Points	15
Amended	June 2017	ECTS Points	7.5

### Aims of Module

To develop the analytical and critical skills of students by detailed examination of the relevant legislation, court decisions, treaties and other instruments governing intellectual property law for the UK, Europe and at international level. To develop writing and oral skills of student via class discussion, presentations and written assessments.

### Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Identify the current intellectual property law in the UK and elsewhere
- 2 Differentiate between the approaches of the UK, Europe and other areas towards the protection of intellectual property.
- 3 Comment critically on the current state of the law.
- 4 Identify current problem areas and possible solutions in the area.

### Indicative Module Content

Copyright, trademark and patent issues; competition law issues; privacy and data protection; electronic contracting and electronic signatures; digital rights management.

### Module Delivery

This is a lecture and seminar based module. Lectures provide core module content. Seminars develop associated higher level skills through student centred learning.

**Indicative Student Workload**

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	36	36
Non-Contact Hours	114	114
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	150
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

**ASSESSMENT PLAN**

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

**Component 1**

Type: Coursework Weighting: 30% Outcomes Assessed: 4  
 Description: Written coursework exercise

**Component 2**

Type: Examination Weighting: 70% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3  
 Description: Written examination

**MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR****Explanatory Text**

The Module is assessed by two components: C1 - Coursework - 30% weighting. C2 - Examination - 70% weighting. Module Pass Mark = Grade D (40%)

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
<b>A</b>	At least 70% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>B</b>	At least 60% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>C</b>	At least 50% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>D</b>	At least 40% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>E</b>	At least 35% on weighted aggregate
<b>F</b>	Less than 35% on weighted aggregate
<b>NS</b>	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

**Module Requirements**

Prerequisites for Module	None.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

**INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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