

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Intellectual Property (with specialization in Patent Law and Design Law)

*Jointly organised by
Ankara University,
World Intellectual Property Organisation,
and the Turkish Patent Institute*

About the programme

Mind your creativity!

Are you developing software for personal computers or smart phones? Are you a composer, a painter, an author, or an industrial designer? Are you working in an academic environment or in R&D, journalism, or publication industries? Have you recently developed an idea that you think nobody has thought about before? Are you interested in obtaining in-depth knowledge about the rights of a creative and innovative person?

Then, this programme is tailored for you!

Following the first-ever graduate programme on intellectual property rights in Turkey, *MSc on Intellectual Property Rights, Technology Policies, and Innovation Management*, Ankara University is now offering a new graduate degree on intellectual property. Jointly organised by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) and the Turkish Patent Institute (TPI), Ankara University's **LLM in Intellectual Property (with specialization in Patent Law and Design Law)** aims at reaching out to candidates who would like to critically examine the rights and duties of authors working in the creative industries.

The interdisciplinary courses at Ankara University's *LLM in Intellectual Property* programme are conducted in English and are particularly designed for graduates of the faculties of economics, business management, humanities, sciences, engineering, and law.

Partners

Ankara University

Ankara University is the oldest university of the Turkish Republic. The history and mission of Ankara University is intertwined with that of the young state founded by Atatürk. The establishment of the Turkish Republic was much more than just a change in government. It was also a great social transformation based on modern science, contemporary democratic values and institutions.

Read more about Ankara University at
<http://en.ankara.edu.tr/>

World Intellectual Property Organisation

WIPO is a global forum for intellectual property services, policy, information and cooperation. It is a self-funding, specialized agency of the United Nations based in Geneva. It is dedicated to lead the development of a balanced and effective international intellectual property (IP) system that enables innovation and creativity for the benefit of all.

Read more about WIPO at
<http://www.wipo.int/academy/en/>

Turkish Patent Institute

TPI is an active and modern public institution responsible for administration of industrial property rights under the Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology. TPI has performed successfully a guidance and counseling role in the development and implementation of new projects as well as it has fulfilled the activities for motivating the existing potential by means of cooperating with universities, industrialists, SMEs and entrepreneurs constituting the stakeholders of the industrial property system.

Read more about TPI at
<http://www.tpe.gov.tr/TurkPatentEnstitusu/>

Academic Staff



Joseph Straus

Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition (PhD Ludwig-Maximilian University 1968)

Areas of interest: European and international patent law; protection of biotechnological inventions; law of employee's inventions; international protection of IPR and World Economic Order; technology transfer; IP arbitration.



Christoph Ann

Technische Universität München (PhD University Bayreuth, 1990)

Areas of interest: technology protection through patents and trade secrets along with their exploitation (license agreement law) and enforcement (procedural law).



Uma Suthersanen

Co-Director, LLM in Intellectual Property Law Program, Queen Mary, University of London (PhD University of London, 1999)

Areas of interest: global intellectual property law & policy; comparative design law; comparative copyright law; innovation and 2nd Tier Patent/Utility Model Systems; history of intellectual property law.



Altuğ Yalçıntaş

Ankara University (PhD Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2009)

Areas of interest: history and philosophy of economics; research ethics in social sciences; scientific misconduct and questionable research practices; copyrights at universities.



Başak Bak

Ankara University (PhD Ankara University, 2016)

Areas of interest: international IP law; comparative analysis of copyright law; moral and economic rights of authors; traditional knowledge; patent licensing.



G. Nazan Bedirhanoglu

Ankara University (PhD Binghamton University, 2016)

Areas of interest: history of intellectual property; sociology of intellectual property law; global governance of intellectual property, commodification of knowledge.

The Turkish Patent Institute experts will also take part in the program and contribute the course content by giving lectures on practical implementation. Students will have the chance to observe experts at TPI's headquarters as on-the-job training.

Programme Structure

LLM in Intellectual Property is designed into two semesters.

2016-2017 Academic Year (From September 26, 2016 to June 16, 2017)	
Winter 2016 (September 26 to December 23)	Spring 2017 (February 13 to June 16)
WIPO Distance Learning Courses (3 courses)	Ankara University in-residence courses (7 courses and research project)

All courses will be conducted in English.

Winter 2016

The Winter Semester consists of 3 courses offered by the WIPO Academy. These courses will be conducted through WIPO's distance learning programme. Detailed description of the courses will be provided by the WIPO Academy before the start of the semester.

- General Course on Intellectual Property
- Patents
- Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications

Spring 2017

Ankara University will offer several in-residence courses in the Spring Semester. Detailed description of courses will be provided by the lecturers before the courses start.

- *Introduction to Intellectual Property and Research Methodology: Interdisciplinary Approaches*
- *Advanced Patent Law: Substantive and Procedural*
- *Advanced Design Law: Substantive and Procedural*
- *Advanced Trademarks*
- *Geographical Indications and Traditional Knowledge*
- *Commercialization of Intellectual Property*
- *Intellectual Property Infringement at Universities*

Ankara University will provide assistance and guidance to all students during the registration week of the Winter Semester, to ensure that the course load can be taken in one academic year.

Research Project

The programme will be completed with a capstone research project. This project will give the students the opportunity to apply the knowledge gathered throughout the LLM programme to a particular issue from their own professional background.

Application for Admission Procedure

The application period lasts from July 29, 2016 to September 2, 2016. Applications will be processed online. If your application meets our admissions criteria, you will be contacted to schedule an online interview.

Websites for applications:

WIPO - http://www.wipo.int/academy/en/courses/academic_institutions/

Ankara University - <http://fisaum.ankara.edu.tr/en/>

Application Documents and Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from a recognized university (open to all disciplines)
- Transcript (min. GPA: 2.00 / 4.00)
- Proof of English proficiency (TOEFL iBT: 78)
- One reference letter
- Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of purpose (maximum one page)
- ALES score (min. 55, only for Turkish students)

Fees

The tuition fee for 2016-2017 Academic Year is 250 TL per credit for both Turkish and international students. Each academic year the tuition is calculated based on the total amount of credits you will take. The students are required to take 30 credits in two semesters.

Scholarships

Scholarships are available to international and Turkish students. WIPO and TPI (in cooperation with the Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency) will offer scholarships for up to 10 international students (5 scholarships by each institution). WIPO and TPI funding includes tuition fees, accommodation, travel costs, and subsistence costs for **international students**.

Ankara University will offer scholarships for up to 5 Turkish students. The Ankara University scholarship includes consists of a tuition fee waiver for **Turkish students**. The student to whom Ankara University offers a scholarship will be required to write a graduate thesis. Additional time and academic supervision to prepare the thesis will be provided.

Applicants requesting scholarship should indicate the relevant scholarship for which they are applying on the application form and statement of purpose.

Important dates

Application

Application period: July 29 – September 2, 2016

Interviews: September 2 – September 7, 2016

Notification of results: September 8 and 9, 2016

Winter 2016

Registration: September 19 – September 23, 2016

Winter courses start: September 26, 2016

Tuition payment: September 12 – October 7, 2016

Winter courses end: December 30, 2016

Dates of examination: January 2 – January 15, 2017

Spring 2017

Registration: February 6 – February 10, 2017

Spring courses start: February 13, 2017

Tuition payment: February 6 – March 3, 2017

Spring courses end: May 26, 2017

Dates of examination: May 29 – June 18, 2017

Graduation: August 2017

Ankara University is closed on:

September 11-14, 2016: Sacrifice Feast

October 29, 2016: Republic Day

January 1, 2017: New Year

April 23, 2017: National Sovereignty and Children's Day

May 19, 2017: Commemoration of Atatürk and Sports Days

May 1, 2017: International Workers' Day

Programme Coordinators

Programme websites:

WIPO

http://www.wipo.int/academy/en/courses/academic_institutions/

Ankara University

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