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

Jointly organized by
Ankara University,
World Intellectual Property Organization
and the
Turkish Patent and Trademark Office
About the program

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 program is tailored for you!
Following the first-ever graduate program 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 organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TURKPATENT) and 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 of inventors, creators and designers working in government, research and development institutions and in the industry.

The interdisciplinary courses at Ankara University’s LLM in Intellectual Property program are conducted in English and are particularly designed for graduates of the faculties of business management, economics, engineering, humanities, law and sciences.
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 https://en.ankara.edu.tr/

World Intellectual Property Organization
The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is the global forum for intellectual property policy, services, information and cooperation. A specialized agency of the United Nations, WIPO assists its 191 member states in developing a balanced international IP system that enables innovation and creativity for the benefit of all. It helps governments, businesses and society realize the benefits of IP; provides global services to protect IP across borders and to resolve disputes. It delivers capacity-building programs to enable all countries to use IP for economic, social and cultural development.

The WIPO Academy is the center of excellence of IP education and training for WIPO member states, in particular developing countries, least-developed countries (LDCs) and countries in transition. The Academy works to help build human capacity in IP, which is essential to innovation. Read more about the WIPO Academy at http://www.wipo.int/academy/en/

Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TURKPATENT)
TURKPATENT is an active and modern public institution responsible for administration of industrial property rights under the Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology. TURKPATENT has performed successfully in guiding and counseling role 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 TURKPATENT at http://www.turkpatent.gov.tr/
WIPO Experts

In the 2018-2019 academic year, Prof. Uma Suthersanen (Queen Mary, University of London, United Kingdom (UK), Dr. Enrico Bonadio (City University of London, UK) and Prof. Irini Stamatoudi (University of Nicosia, Cyprus) joined us as WIPO experts and shared their knowledge on the international aspects of IP, Patent Law, Design Law and Copyright Law.

Uma Suthersanen, LLB (Hons) (Singapore), LLM (London), (PhD University of London, 1999)

Co-Director, LLM in Intellectual Property Law Program, Queen Mary, University of London

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.

Enrico Bonadio, PhD (PhD University of Florence, 2007)

Senior Lecturer in Law and Deputy Dean (International) at City Law School, City University of London

Areas of interest: international intellectual property law and policy; intellectual property and public interests; protection of biotechnological inventions; copyright and art.

Irini Stamatoudi, LLB (Athens), LLM (Leicester), PhD (Leicester)

Professor (pr.), University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Areas of interest: European Union copyright law, International copyright law, new technologies, cultural property law
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Altug Yalcintas, PhD

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.

Selin Ozden Merhaci, PhD

Ankara University (PhD Ankara University, 2012)
Areas of interest: IP Law, Technology Transfer and Licensing Agreements, Comparative Law, European Contract and Tort Law.

Zehra Ozkan, PhD

Ankara University (PhD Ankara University, 2014)

Nevzat Artık, PhD

Director, Ankara University Institute of Food Security, Ankara University (PhD Ankara University, 1983)
Areas of interest: Geographical Indications, Food Security
Academic Staff

TURKPATENT Experts

The Turkish Patent and Trademark Office experts 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 TURKPATENT’s headquarters as on-the-job training.

Habip Asan, PhD

President of TURKPATENT (PhD Texas Tech University, 1993)

*Areas of Interest*: Patent, utility model and designs law, IP commercialization, patent ownership in universities.

Elif Betül Akın, LLM (Munich), PhD

Head of Re-Examination and Evaluation Board, TURKPATENT (PhD Hacettepe University, 2006)

*Areas of Interest*: IP Law, International Trademark Law, protection of geographical indications and traditional specialties guaranteed.

Ali Rıza Koker, MBA, PhD

IP Expert, TURKPATENT (PhD Baskent University, 2008)

*Areas of Interest*: Patent, utility model and designs law, innovation management.

Enrico Luzzatto

Director at European Patent Office (EPO), Senior Advisor at European Patent Academy (Laurea Rome University "La Sapienza", 1985)

*Areas of Interest*: Biotechnology and chemical patenting issues, procedural matters.
Program Structure

LLM in Intellectual Property is designed into two semesters.

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All courses will be conducted in English.

**Winter 2019 (September to December)**

The Winter Semester consists of 3 courses offered by the WIPO Academy. These courses will be conducted through WIPO’s distance learning program. 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 2020 (February to June)**

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 Design Law: Substantive and Procedural
- Advanced Trademarks
- International Copyright Law
- 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 (May to July)**

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

The application period lasts from 1 May 2019 to 20 July 2019. Applications will be processed online. If your application meets our admissions criteria, you will be contacted to schedule an online interview.

Websites for ALL applications:
Turkish and self-sponsored students should apply through both the WIPO Academy website, using the link above and the website of Graduate School of Social Sciences of Ankara University – [www.sosbilens.ankara.edu.tr](http://www.sosbilens.ankara.edu.tr) The dates for the latter will be announced on the University website in August.

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/ Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE): Score B, Cambridge English Proficiency (CPE): Score C, or Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic): Score 67, Turkish Foreign Language Exam – YDS or YÖKDİL: 65) Candidates from the countries which one of their national languages is English, are exempt from the language requirement.
- One reference letter
- Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of purpose (maximum one page)
- ALES score (min. 55, only for Turkish students)
- to Pass the entrance exam for Turkish Students and Self-Sponsored International Students (held by Ankara University)
Students are required to send the official documents to Ankara University upon request after the selection period.
Fees and Scholarships

Fees
The tuition fee for 2019-2020 Academic Year is approximately 2.150 US$ (9.000 TL). Each academic year the tuition is calculated based on the total amount of credits you will take (approx. 72 US$ - 300 TL per credit). Students are required to take 30 credits in two semesters.

Scholarships
Scholarships are available to international and Turkish students. WIPO and Republic of Turkey will offer scholarships for up to 10 international students. WIPO and Republic of Turkey funding includes tuition fees, accommodation, travel costs and subsistence allowance for international students. The “Türkiye Scholarship” program administered by the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB) on behalf of Republic of Turkey requires that the “awarded” students register at a link that will be provided to them by YTB after selection.

Ankara University also offers scholarships. These scholarships cover tuition fees only for Turkish students. Students accepted for a scholarship from Ankara University may be required to write a graduate thesis. Additional time and academic supervision to prepare the thesis will be provided. Turkish students should make an application through the Ankara University Graduate School of Social Sciences and attend the entrance exam which will be held by Ankara University at the beginning of September.

Supporting Partner

1 YTB (Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities) is a Turkish public institution with the task to coordinate the activities for Turks living abroad, related communities and international scholarship students studying in Turkey, and develop the services and activities carried out in these fields it has undertaken.
Important dates

Application

Application period: 1 May – 20 July 2019
Interviews: August 2019
Notification of results: August 2019 (International students will be notified by WIPO Academy). Turkish and self-sponsored students will be notified by Ankara University, Graduate School of Social Sciences).

All the necessary documents should be sent to the university not later than 6th of September 2019 including the English exam score.

Application (for all Turkish Students and Self-Sponsored Students)

Please Visit, www.sosbilens.ankara.edu.tr
and please also apply through the WIPO Academy website: http://www.wipo.int/academy/en/courses/academic_institutions/

All Turkish and self-sponsored students should apply through the website of Graduate School of Social Sciences, Ankara University and attend an entrance exam www.sosbilens.ankara.edu.tr For more information please visit: http://fisaum.ankara.edu.tr/

In addition, they should apply through the WIPO Academy website in order to be registered for the WIPO Academy Distance Learning courses planned for the LL.M. program.

Winter 2019 (WIPO Distance Learning courses)
Winter courses start: September 2019

Spring 2020 (Residential Phase at Ankara University)
Registration: February 2020
Spring courses start: February 2020
Spring courses end: May 2020
Dates of examination: June 2020

Graduation: 30 June 2020

Ankara University is closed on:
29 October 2019: Republic Day holiday
1 January 2020: New Year’s Day holiday
23 April 2020: National Sovereignty and Children’s Day holiday
1 May 2020: Labor and Solidarity Day holiday
19 May 2020: Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day holiday
24-26 May 2020: Feast of Ramadan holiday
Program Coordinators

Program websites:

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

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