

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

Jointly offered by
Ankara University,
the 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 smartphones? Are you a composer, a painter, an author, or an industrial designer? Are you working in an academic environment or in research and development (R&D), journalism, or publication industries? Have you recently developed an idea that you think nobody has thought of before? Are you planning to launch a new business and aiming at using intellectual property (IP) as part of your business strategy? 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 its first-ever graduate program on intellectual property rights in Turkey, the *MSc on Intellectual Property Rights, Technology Policies, and Innovation Management*, Ankara University is now offering a new graduate degree on IP. Jointly offered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TURKPATENT) and Ankara University, the **LL.M. in IP (with a specialization in Patent Law and Design Law)** is aimed at candidates working in government, universities, R&D institutions and industry, who critically examine the rights of inventors, creators and designers.

The interdisciplinary courses at Ankara University's *LL.M. in IP* program are conducted in English and are particularly designed for graduates of the faculties of business management, economics, engineering, humanities, law and sciences.

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 <https://en.ankara.edu.tr/>

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

WIPO is the global forum for IP policy, services, information and cooperation. As a specialized agency of the United Nations, WIPO assists its 193 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 resolves IP-related 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, training and skills-building 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 the administration of industrial property rights under the Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology. TURKPATENT successfully guides and undertakes a counseling role on the development and implementation of new projects. Additionally, TURKPATENT cooperates with universities, industries, SMEs, entrepreneurs, and other stakeholders of the IP system to motivate and harness their IP potential.

Read more about TURKPATENT at <http://www.turkpatent.gov.tr/>

Academic Staff

WIPO Experts

WIPO provides experts on the international aspects of IP, patent law, design law and copyright and related rights law.



Habip Asan, Ph.D. (Texas Tech University, 1993)

Director of the Division for Transition and Developed Countries (TDC) in the Regional and National Development Sector of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

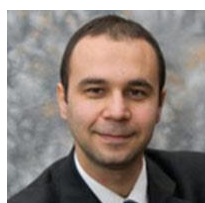
Areas of Interest: patents; utility models and design law; IP commercialization; and patent ownership in universities.



Uma Suthersanen, LL.B. (Hons) (Singapore), LLM (London), Ph.D. (London)

Chair in Global Intellectual Property Law and Director, LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law programme, Queen Mary University of London, UK

Areas of interest: global intellectual property law & policy; international and comparative design law; international and comparative copyright law; innovation; and utility model regimes.



Enrico Bonadio, Ph.D. (University of Florence, 2007)

Reader in Intellectual Property Law

Programme Director, LL.M. International Business Law (distance learning) City University of London, UK

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, University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Areas of interest: European Union copyright law; international copyright law; new technologies; and cultural property law.

Academic Staff

Ankara University

Ankara University contributes to the program by its faculty, as well as visiting lecturers and IP professionals from other institutions.



Selin Özden Merhacı, Ph.D. (Ankara University, 2012)

Assistant Professor of Law, Ankara University

Areas of Interest: IP law; technology transfer and licensing agreements; comparative law; and European contract and tort law.



Zehra Özkan, Ph.D. (Ankara University, 2014)

Assistant Professor of Law, Ankara University

Areas of Interest: IP law; international copyright law; collective management of copyright and related rights; comparative law, ; and European contract and tort law.



Hasan Kadir Yilmaztekin, Ph.D.

Head of Department (Judge), Department of Foreign Relations, Justice Academy of Turkey (LL.B. (Hons) (Ankara, 2003), LL.M. (Exeter, 2012), Ph.D. (Exeter, 2017)

Areas of Interest: EU, UK and Turkish copyright and design law; IP and emerging technologies (AI, videogames, responsibilities of intermediaries on the Internet); international protection of traditional knowledge, cultural expressions, geographical indications, ; human rights aspects of copyright law, and the capabilities approach to IP law.

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 through on-the-job training.



Elif Betül Akın, LL.M (Munich), Ph.D.

Head of Re-Examination and Evaluation Department and Boards of Appeal of TURKPATENT (LL.M. Munich Intellectual Property Law Center (MIPLC), Ph.D. Hacettepe University, 2006)
Areas of Interest: IP Law; trademark law; geographical indications; trademark, design and patent appeals and procedures.



Ayşe Göksu Kaya Özsan, Ph.D.

Unit Leader of Biotechnology Team, TURKPATENT (Ph.D. Hacettepe University, 2017)
Areas of Interest: patents, utility models, design law; search and examination.



Guest Speakers from the European Patent Office



Guest Examiners from the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office



Alumni Stories

More than 100 graduates of the program are now serving in over 20 countries on 4 different continents in academia, public institutions, and the private sector.

Banu Eylül Yalçın, Turkey (2019/2020)



"I am currently working as a legal case manager at the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center. Throughout the Joint LL.M program, I had the chance to participate in lectures and practical training sessions delivered by outstanding faculty and experts from Ankara University, TÜRKPATENT, WIPO, and other institutions in Turkey and elsewhere. Thanks to the content provided by the courses, my interest in IP law was nourished even more. The fact that the program is entirely in English contributed to my knowledge of legal English. Moreover, the fact that it attracts participants from a variety of different countries and various professional backgrounds enabled me to interact with different cultures. All these qualities offered by the program helped me achieve my goal of working at WIPO."

Ataul Karim, Bangladesh (2018/2019)



"I am an Academic Tutor at the Munich Intellectual Property Law Center (MIPLC) and a Legal Researcher at Ericsson, Munich, Germany. This specialized LL.M. opened up new avenues for me to explore the dynamics of intellectual property from global, regional and national perspectives. The courses are designed to cover both the theoretical and practical aspects. They are taught by the globally renowned academics and practitioners. Students receive hands-on trainings on practical and procedural matters. The participants of this LL.M. hailed from extremely diverse academic and cultural backgrounds. The Faculty of Law of Ankara University is located at the heart of the city with a beautiful landscape and a wonderful campus where my stay was memorable. I am confident that it would be an exciting and unique opportunity, for anyone interested, to grasp world-class knowledge and skills on Intellectual Property law."

Program Structure

The LL.M. in Intellectual Property is designed into two semesters.

2022-2023 Academic Year (From September 2022 to July 2023)	
Winter 2022 (September to December)	Spring 2023 (February to July)
WIPO Distance Learning Courses (3 courses)	Ankara University in-residence courses (7 courses and research project)

All courses will be conducted in English.

Winter 2022 (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. A detailed description of the courses will be provided by the WIPO Academy before the start of the semester. The courses will cover:

- *patents;*
- *trademarks, industrial designs and geographical indications; and*
- *basics of patent drafting.*

Spring 2023 (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. The courses will cover:

- *intellectual property and research methodology: interdisciplinary approaches;*
- *advanced patent Law: substantive and procedural;*
- *advanced design law: substantive and procedural;*
- *advanced trademarks;*
- *international copyright law;*
- *geographical indications and traditional knowledge;*
- *valuation and commercialization of intellectual property rights;*
- *IP and business; and*
- *IP skills-building training.*

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 LL.M. program to a particular issue from their own professional background.

Application for Admission

The application period is from April 1, 2022 to July 12, 2022. 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:

WIPO - wipo.int/academy/en/courses/academic_institutions/

Applicants with Turkish nationality and/or self-sponsored applicants should apply both through the WIPO Academy website, at the link above, and through the Ankara University Graduate School of Social Sciences website (sosbilens.ankara.edu.tr) The exact dates for the latter will be announced on the Graduate School of Social Sciences website in June.

Application Documents and Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree from a recognized university (open to all disciplines).
- Transcript (min. GPA: 2.25 / 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). Applicants from the countries where English is (one of) the official languages, are exempt from the language requirement.
- One reference letter.
- Curriculum Vitae.
- Statement of purpose (maximum one page).
- ALES score (min. 60, applicable only for applicants with Turkish nationality).
- Passing the written entrance exam which will be held by Ankara University in Ankara (applicable only for applicants with Turkish nationality).

Successful applicants are required to send the application documents in hard copy to Ankara University, **upon request** following the selection period.

Fees and Scholarships

Fees

The tuition fee for the 2022-2023 Academic Year is 3000 EUR.

Each academic year, the tuition is calculated based on the total amount of credits you will take (approx. 100 EUR per credit).

Students are required to take 30 credits in two semesters.

Scholarships

Scholarships are available to international applicants and applicants with Turkish nationality. WIPO and the Republic of Turkey will offer scholarships for up to 10 **international students**. The WIPO and the Republic of Turkey funding includes tuition fees, accommodation, travel costs and a subsistence allowance for **international students**.

The “Türkiye Scholarship” program administered by the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities¹ (YTB) on behalf of the 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 **applicants with Turkish nationality**. Students who are awarded with a scholarship from Ankara University may be required to submit a graduate thesis. Additional time and academic supervision to prepare the thesis will be provided. Applicants seeking a scholarship from Ankara University should apply through the Ankara University’s Graduate School of Social Sciences and attend the written entrance exam, which will be held by Ankara University in August.

Supporting Partner



¹ YTB (Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities) is a Turkish public institution that coordinates the activities for Turks living abroad, related communities and international scholarship students studying in Turkey, and develops the services and activities carried out in these fields.

Important Dates

Application Period (for all Applicants)

All applicants should register through the WIPO Academy website:

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

Application period: April 12–July 12, 2022

Interviews: end of July 2022

Notification of results: August 2022 (international students will be notified by the WIPO Academy).

It is compulsory that all the required documents should be submitted to Ankara University, including the English exam score.

Application Period (for Applicants with Turkish Nationality and/or Self-Sponsored Applicants)

In addition to registration through the WIPO Academy's website, all applicants with Turkish nationality and/or self-sponsored applicants should refer to the online application facility, which will be available on the Ankara University Graduate School of Social Sciences website (sosbilens.ankara.edu.tr) in June/July, 2022.

The applicants should attend a written examination in Ankara in August 2022.

The exact dates for application and examination will be announced on the Graduate School of Social Sciences website. Successful applicants with Turkish nationality and/or self-sponsored students will be notified by Ankara University.

For more information, please visit the Ankara University Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights Center website (fisaum.ankara.edu.tr/)

Winter 2022 (WIPO Distance Learning courses)

Winter courses start: September, 2022

Spring 2023 (Residential Phase at Ankara University)

Registration: February 2023

Spring courses start: February 2023

Spring courses end: May 2023

Graduation: June 26, 2023

Ankara University is closed on:

July 8-12, 2022: Feast of the Sacrifice holiday

July 15, 2022: Democracy and National Unity Day holiday

April 20-23, 2023: Feast of the Ramadan holiday

May 1, 2023: Labor and Solidarity Day holiday

May 19, 2023: Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day holiday

June 27-30, 2023: Feast of the Sacrifice holiday

Program Coordinators

Program websites:

WIPO

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

Ankara University

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