

***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  
2025 - 2026

## 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 Türkiye, the *MA 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. International graduates will receive a Non-Thesis LLM certificate from Ankara University.

## 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



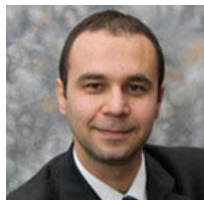
### **Habip Asan,**

Director of the Division for Transition and Developed Countries (TDC) in the Regional and National Development Sector of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)  
Ph.D. (Texas Tech University, 1993)  
*Areas of Interest:* patents; utility models and design law; IP commercialization; and patent ownership in universities.



### **Marc Mimler**

Senior Lecturer in Law / LLM Program Director at City Law School; City, University of London  
First State Examination, Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich; Second State Examination in Law, Higher District Court of Munich; LLM, PhD (Queen Mary, University of London)  
*Areas of interest:* IP law in general with its interfaces with human rights and international trade law, information technology law and competition law; IP and socio-legal theory.



### **Enrico Bonadio**

Professor in Intellectual Property Law / Program Director, LL.M. International Business Law (distance learning) City University of London, UK  
Ph.D. (University of Florence, 2007)  
*Areas of interest:* international intellectual property law and policy; intellectual property and public interests; protection of biotechnological inventions; copyright; and art.



### **Dario Peirone**

Associate Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation Strategy, Department of Law at Turin University / Chairman of CEIP (Governmental agency for international development, Piemonte, Italy)  
MSc (University of Sussex) PhD (University of Turin)  
*Areas of interest:* IP Valorization Strategy, IP and Open Innovation, Entrepreneurship and technology Transfer



### **Ayben Işıl ÖZDOĞAN**

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## 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**

Associate Professor of Law, Ankara University  
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*Areas of Interest:* IP law; technology transfer and licensing agreements; comparative law; and European contract and tort law.



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*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**

Head of Department (Judge), Department of Foreign Relations,  
Justice Academy of Türkiye;

LL.B. (Hons) (Ankara), LL.M. (Exeter), Ph.D. (Exeter)

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

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### **TURKPATENT Experts**

The Turkish Patent and Trademark Office experts as well as visiting lecturers and IP professionals from other institutions 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.



#### **Prof. Dr. Muhammed Zeki DURAK**

President, Turkish Patent and Trademark Office  
B.Sc. in Food Engineering from Akdeniz University, Antalya  
M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees from Cornell University, New York  
Areas of Interest: commercialization of academic inventions, innovation management, R&D, technology transfer, regional development, entrepreneurship biosensors, microbiology, molecular biology, and biotechnology



#### **Elif Betül Akın**

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Areas of Interest: IP Law; trademark law; geographical indications; trademark, design and patent appeals and procedures.



#### **Gülselvi Esra Bal**

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M.Sc. TOBB Economy and Technology University, 2019  
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Areas of Interest: designs, design law



#### **Özgür Öztürk**

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Areas of Interest: Patent law, trademark law, licensing agreement, competition law



#### **Güler Ayyıldız Dalma**

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Areas of Interest: patents, trademarks, industrial designs



## Alumni Stories

More than 150 graduates of the program are now serving in academia, public institutions, and the private sector in over 40 countries across the world.

### Rossana Ramírez Díaz, Nicaragua (2018/2019)



*"I currently have the honor of serving as Rector at American College, a Nicaraguan University. It has been a wonderful challenge to take on the academic administration of a Higher Education institution and to contribute to the betterment of the Nicaraguan education system in this role. This specialized LL.M. was the booster I needed to assume this responsibility. It opened great work opportunities for me, both as an Academic and as an Attorney, because my country is currently ongoing great efforts to improve its presence in the intellectual property scenario, and universities provide the best space to bolster the study and practice of IP. This Programme is like no other, the content and academic staff are unparalleled, and the experience at Ankara University was delightful. The best academic experience I have ever had; Türkiye really became a second home to me, and I have no doubt it will be life-changing for future students as well."*

### Banu Eylül Yalçın, Türkiye (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 Türkiye and elsewhere. Thanks to the content provided by the courses, my interest in IP law was nourished even more. 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 an international organization."*

# Program Structure

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

2025-2026 Academic Year (From September 2025 to July 2026)	
Winter 2025 (September to December)	Spring 2026 (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 2025 (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 2026 (February to July)

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 IP;*
- *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 May 1, 2025 to July 10, 2025 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/](https://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](https://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 2025-2026 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 national credits (60 ECTS) in two semesters.

## Scholarships

Scholarships are available to international applicants and applicants with Turkish nationality. WIPO and the Republic of Türkiye will offer scholarships for up to 10 **international students**. The WIPO and the Republic of Türkiye 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 Communities<sup>1</sup> (YTB) on behalf of the Republic of Türkiye 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



<sup>1</sup> 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 Türkiye, 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/](http://www.wipo.int/academy/en/courses/academic_institutions/)

Application period: May 1, 2025 to July 10, 2025

Interviews: end of July 2025

Notification of results: early August 2025 (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](http://sosbilens.ankara.edu.tr)) in June or July 2025.

The applicants should attend a written and/or oral examination in Ankara in July 2025.

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/](http://fisaum.ankara.edu.tr/))

## Winter 2025 (WIPO Distance Learning courses)

Winter courses start: September, 2025

## Spring 2026 (Residential Phase at Ankara University)

Registration: February, 2026 (TBA)

Spring courses start: February, 2026 (TBA)

Spring courses end: June 31st, 2026

**Graduation: June, 2026 (TBA)**

## Ankara University is closed on:

July 15, 2025: Democracy and National Unity Day holiday

August 30, 2025: Victory Day

October 29, 2025: Republic Day

January 1, 2026: New Year's Day

March 19 – March 21, 2026: Feast of the Ramadan holiday

May 1, 2026: Labor and Solidarity Day holiday

May 19, 2026: Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day holiday

May 26-30, 2026: Feast of the Sacrifice holiday

# Program Coordinators

## Program websites:

WIPO

[http://www.wipo.int/academy/en/courses/academic\\_institutions/](http://www.wipo.int/academy/en/courses/academic_institutions/)

Ankara University

<http://fisaum.ankara.edu.tr/en/>

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