

Akron Law offers non-degree certificate-seeking students the opportunity to specialize in intellectual property law and to receive a certificate denoting successful completion of the requirements. Students must complete 12 required credits and attain an aggregate cumulative 2.0 grade point average.

Before enrolling as a non-JD student, you should discuss your interest first with our IP faculty to determine whether this program is right for you. It is a helpful experience and credential for some, but for many students, our IP Pro JD program will be a much better fit. While it will require more time, career prospects for our JD grads are excellent and they are glad they made the investment.

The faculty advisors for the IP certificate programs are Profs. Mark Schultz and Emily Michiko Morris. You may consult with either.

Name:		Student ID #:
Date:	Email:	
Undergraduate School and Degree:		
Graduate School and Degree (if applicable)		
Do you plan to take / have you taken the Patent Bar	Exam?	If yes, when?

Once complete, please return this page to Law Student Affairs in the administrative suite to obtain the Assistant Dean's signature. Keep the attached worksheet for planning purposes

	Signatures	Date
Law Student		
IP Faculty Advisor		
Assistant Dean of Student Affairs		

## IP Certificate Course Selection and Planning Worksheet For Non-JD Students

You need to take 12 credits of IP Courses selected from the courses listed below and earn a 2.0 or higher cumulative GPA in those courses. Courses may not be offered on a regular basis, and you should discuss with your advisor the likely schedule and plan accordingly.

## **1. General IP Education:**

Choose Option A or Option B.

You should learn about as many fields of IP law as you can. Therefore, we require you to take **either** Fundamentals of IP Law (a survey course covering all major forms of IP law) **OR** at least 2 of the 4 core IP courses:

## **Option A, take Fundamentals of IP:**

Survey			
Term	Course #	Title	Credits
	800	Fundamentals of IP Law	3

Option B, take at least 2 of the following core courses:

Core IP Courses			
Term	Course #	Title	Credits
	801	Patent Law & Policy	3
	802	Trademark Law	3
	803	Copyright Law	3
	804	Trade Secrets	3

Note that additional courses taken from Option B qualify as elective credits. You may take any or all of the above courses in any combination or sequence and apply them toward the certificate, so long as you take **at least** Fundamentals of IP Law **OR** 2 of the 4 core IP courses.

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## **2. IP Electives**

To round out your IP education, choose from among the following electives. As noted above, you may count any additional Core IP Courses you take as electives once you have fulfilled the General IP Education Requirements.

Term	Course #	Title	
	674	International Business Transactions	3
	675	Entrepreneurship	3
	703	Bioethics	3
	805	Licensing IP	3
	806	International IP	3
	807	Patent Prosecution	3
	809	Complex IP Litigation	3
	811	IP Practicum	3
	816	International Patent Law	1
	824	International Patent Prosecution	1
	825	Antitrust Law	3
	827	Patent Office Litigation	3
	896	Trademark Clinic	2
	TBD	Cybersecurity Law	3
	TBD	Privacy Law	2-3
	TBD	International Trade Commission Litigation	3
	TBD	Biotech Exclusivity	3

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