

2. The Postgraduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Law

2.1 Admission requirements

This is a selection programme. Moreover, only a limited number of students will be admitted to the programme. You may apply for admission to the PG Dip (Intellectual Property Law) if you hold at least one of the following degrees or qualifications:

- a BSc, a BCom, a BEng or an LLB qualification; or
 - any other NQF 7 qualification; or
 - work experience or any other exposure to the field of intellectual property law that the SU Senate deems suitable for admission under the University's Policy on the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).
- And:
- You must have achieved at least a 65% average in the final year of study of your undergraduate degree (with the exception of an LLB degree).
 - You must indicate the PG Dip (Intellectual Property Law) as your first choice to be considered. The only exception would be if you put LLM as your first choice and the PG Dip (Intellectual Property Law) as your second choice.
 - You submit a satisfactory selection essay in accordance with the requirements set out in the application process.
 - Admissions to the PG Dip (Intellectual Property Law) are limited to ten students per year.

International students

If you are an international student applying for admission to the Postgraduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Law, you must also submit proof of your current level of proficiency in English. You may do this by writing an essay or submitting your IELTS or TOEFL scores. This requirement does not apply if English is your home language or if you have completed a prior degree or qualification in English.

2.2 Application procedure

This is a selection programme and, in addition to the prescribed admission requirements that apply, only a limited number of students will be admitted to this programme. Apply in writing at www.maties.com.

2.3 Duration of programme

One year full time, or two years part time.

2.4 Enquiries

The Faculty Administrator, Mr Shirle Cornelissen, tel. 021 808 9111, e-mail: shirle@sun.ac.za.

2.5 Programme content (120 credits)

This programme is the only of its kind and offers you the unique opportunity to gain introductory knowledge of intellectual property through practice driven study of the law of trademarks, patents, designs, copyright and digital aspects of intellectual property law. You must complete any four modules of your choice (120 credits in total). The options are as follows:

Please note:

Not all these modules will necessarily be offered each year. You must choose between Intellectual Property Law in the Digital Environment, Competition Law and Economic Perspectives of Law. You may take only one of these modules. A student will only be permitted to take the research assignment module with the permission of the programme coordinator.

10009 – 711	Copyright Law (30)
10008 – 711	Trademark Law (30)
10934 – 711	Patent Law and the Law of Registered Design (30)
10935 – 711	Intellectual Property Law in the Digital Environment (30) <i>or</i>
62553 – 711	Competition Law (30)
13866 – 712	Economic Perspectives of Law (30)

10937 – 714

A research assignment of 7 500 to 10 000 words on a topic in the general field of Intellectual Property Law or related subject matter (30)

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