Department of Law

Stockholm University

Education plan

for

Master of Laws (LL.M.) (60 credits) in European Intellectual Property Law
Magisterprogram (60 högskolepoäng) i europeisk immaterialrätt

60.0 Higher Education Credits
60.0 ECTS credits

Programme code:	JEIPM
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Department:	Department of Law

Decision

Approved by the Vice-Chancellor 2015-02-05.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Eligible candidates for admission to the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in European Intellectual Property Law shall have:
- obtained a Swedish undergraduate degree in law with at least 180 credits, or a foreign degree in law with equivalent knowledge and at least three years of full-time studies, and must have studied at least one course in intellectual property law or the equivalent, and
- proof of skills in English at a level corresponding to English B/English 6 in the Swedish secondary school. Students who have not studied English B/English 6 must submit results from either a TOEFL test: Internet (Score of 20 (scale 0-30) in written test and a total score of 90) or Paper-based (Score of 4.5 (scale 1-6) in written test and a total score of 575) or a Cambridge test (IELTS) with an overall mark of 6.5 and no section below 5.5.

Programme structure

The programme consists of one year of full-time studies (60 ECTS credits).

The Master of Laws (LL.M.) in European Intellectual Property Law is an advanced level programme. The programme provides deeper knowledge of concrete EU intellectual property law and provides students with a theoretical and methodological foundation to be able to work independently with research, development or other sophisticated work in the area of intellectual property law. The programme emphasises deeper scientific knowledge and builds on progressively advanced training in methods at the same time as the student works with increasingly advanced issues in intellectual property law. Students continually practise working with legal sources and interpretation methods to analyse intellectual property law issues.

The Master of Laws in European Intellectual Property Law consists of three courses; two of the courses are compulsory and one is an elective specialised course. The introductory compulsory course (15 ECTS) aims to provide updated, overview, and new knowledge of the different intellectual property law disciplines, above all through current case law and new legislation as well as review of new research and current development perspectives. The specialisation course (15 ECTS) can be either Copyright or Industrial Property. The courses aim to have students acquire specialised knowledge that functions both as a platform for research projects and for professional work that provides specialised legal guidance or where similar detailed knowledge is needed by public authorities or in private organisations. The Master Thesis (30 ECTS) is also compulsory.

To apply newly acquired methodological knowledge concerning intellectual property law, in the first course

students are tasked with writing a number of memoranda of a more basic problem-solving nature, that also include practice in methodological approaches, formatting requirements, and scholarly accuracy. The assignments, which constitute parts of a larger group of questions within each of five intellectual property law disciplines, are to be completed individually and presented coherently in groups. In the specialisation courses, students are taught to manage complex issues, analyse legal cases, and build parties' arguments with focus on a chosen area of specialisation (Copyright and Transborder Litigation or Industrial Property – Patents and Trade Marks). Particular attention is also given to specific methods of analysis and judgement in the respective areas. Students carry out, individually and in groups, oral and written exercises that culminate in a moot court. A good transition from the introductory course and the specialisation courses to the Master thesis is ensured from the student choosing the subject for the thesis during the specialised course, at the same time that a more refined specification of the thesis occurs through discussions with a proposed supervisor. In addition to the written research project, the Master thesis course includes supporting teaching elements with seminars and memoranda to illustrate different theoretical aspects of writing the Master thesis, such as methodology, choosing method(s), and formulating precise and scholarly research questions. Instruction is also provided in academic composition, including formatting requirements and scholarly accuracy.

After completing the programme, the student shall have acquired the knowledge and skills listed below under Learning Outcomes.

Goals

For the Master degree, the following qualification goals apply, as established in the Higher Education Ordinance (SFS, 1993:100), Appendix 2, System of Qualifications.

Knowledge and understanding
For the Master degree the student shall
- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of European intellectual property law, including both overall knowledge of the area as well as deeper understanding of certain parts of the field, as well as knowledge of current research and development work, and
- demonstrate detailed knowledge of intellectual property law methodology.

Proficiency and abilities
For the Master degree the student shall
- display the ability to integrate knowledge and to analyse, assess and manage complex events, questions and situations even with limited information;
- display the ability to independently identify and formulate questions as well as plan and use appropriate methods to carry out detailed assignments within specified time frames;
- display the ability to clearly in oral and written format report and discuss their conclusions and the knowledge and arguments that form the basis for their conclusions, in dialogue with different groups; and
- display the necessary skills to participate in research and development, or to work independently in other specialised activities.

Assessment ability and approach
For the Master degree the student shall
- display the ability to make assessments taking into consideration relevant scholarly, social and ethical issues, as well as display awareness of ethical issues in research and development work within the area of European intellectual property law;
- demonstrate understanding of the opportunities and limits of knowledge, its role in society, and individuals' responsibility for how it is used;
- display the ability to identify their need for additional knowledge and to take responsibility for additional scholarly development.

Independent Project (Master Thesis project)
Within the framework of the course expectations, the student shall complete an independent project (Master Thesis) worth 30 ECTS in European intellectual property law.

Courses

The Master programme consists of the following courses:
- Compulsory course: Advanced Intellectual Property Law (15 ECTS);
- Specialisation course within European intellectual property law with a choice of concentration in Industrial Property or Copyright: Industrial Property – Patents and Trade Marks or Copyright and Transborder Litigation, (15 ECTS); and
- Master Thesis (30 ECTS).

The language of instruction is English.

Degree

Students that have completed the programme with passing grades obtain a Master of Laws (LL.M.) (60

credits) in European Intellectual Property Law.

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Courses that are part of the degree that make the student eligible for this programme may not be counted for the Master degree.