

**PALOMAR COLLEGE**  
**COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD FOR**  
**DEGREE CREDIT COURSE**

  X   Transfer Course     X   A.A. Degree applicable course  
(check all that apply)

**COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE:** PLS 270 Intellectual Property

**UNIT VALUE:** 2

**MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS:** 32

**BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS:** Appropriate language skills

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**PREREQUISITE:** LS 121 or PLS 121 Introduction to Law

**COREQUISITE:**

**RECOMMENDED PREPARATION:**

**SCOPE OF COURSE:** Intellectual Property provides an overview of the law for paralegals who may wish to specialize in this area of practice. This course will focus on the role of the paralegal, as part of the legal team, in protecting patents, trademarks, and copyrights in the global marketplace.

**SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:** Successful students will:

1. possess knowledge of the role of the paralegal in intellectual property, intellectual property law practice, i.e., trademarks, patents, and copyrights.
2. identify specific software and computer applications utilized in intellectual property practice.
3. identify sources of copyright, trademarks and trade secrets, and patent laws.
4. conduct a trademark search.
5. conduct a patent search and complete the application process.
6. possess a working knowledge of the principles of copyright law.
7. review the ethical obligation of the paralegal in intellectual property law.

## **CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:**

- A. Introduction to Intellectual Property
  - 1. The role of the paralegal in intellectual property law
  - 2. Ethical obligations
- B. Principles of Copyright Law
  - 1. Copyright ownership
  - 2. Copyright registration
  - 3. Copyright disputes
  - 4. Copyright litigation
- C. Trade Secrets
  - 1. An overviews
  - 2. Trade secret litigation
- D. Principles of Trademarks
  - 1. Trademark evaluation and registration
  - 2. Trademark administration and protection
  - 3. International law
- E. Principles of Patent Law
  - 1. Patent research and applications
  - 2. Disputes and international law
  - 3. Patent litigation

## **REQUIRED READING:**

Stim, Richard. Intellectual Property. 2 edition. West Publications, 2001.

## **SUGGESTED READING:**

Various codes and cases as assigned.

## **REQUIRED WRITING:**

Completion of various forms in support of a copyright application.

## **OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS:**

**Students are expected to spend a minimum of three hours per unit per week in class and on outside assignments, prorated for short-term classes.**

Activities may include textbook reading, review of lecture notes, research of patent, trademark, and copyright samples locally and globally.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:**

### **Check all that apply:**

- lecture
- laboratory
- lecture-laboratory combination
- directed study

**DISTANCE LEARNING:**

**This course may be offered as a distance learning course and meets Title 5 regulations 55370, 55372, 55374, 55376, 55378, and 55380.**

Yes  No

**If yes, check all that apply:**

- Television Course (Video one-way, e.g. ITV, video cassette, etc.)
- Online Course (Text one-way, e.g. newspaper, correspondence, electronic file, etc.)
- Two-Way Video Conferencing (Two-way interactive video and audio)
- One-Way Video Conferencing (One-way interactive video and two-way interactive audio)
- Computer Assisted Instruction (A specialized form of mediated instruction relying primarily on student access to information and prepared lessons or teaching materials through a computer terminal, but not under immediate supervision of a qualified instructor.)

**GRADING POLICY AND STANDARDS** (include methods of determining whether the stated objectives have been met by students):

Final grades will be computed as follows:

- 90% x 400 points = 360+ = A
- 80% x 400 points = 320+ = B
- 70% x 400 points = 280+ = C
- 60% x 400 points = 240+ = D
- 239- = F

**IS COURSE REPEATABLE FOR REASON(S) OTHER THAN DEFICIENT GRADE?**

Yes  No  Number of times course may be taken for credit: 1

If yes, identify specific provision of Title 5 Division 2 section(s), 55761-55763 and 58161 which qualifies course as repeatable:

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