

Intellectual Property Law Certificate

OVERVIEW

The Intellectual Property Certificate at Drake Law School prepares students to be innovators and legal leaders in the dynamic world of IP – ready to protect and shape the future of creativity, technology, and brand development. In an era where ideas are among the most valuable assets, our graduates are equipped to navigate and influence the evolving landscape of intellectual property law.

CURRICULUM

Through advanced coursework and electives, students can tailor the certificate to their interests in areas such as intellectual property law for general practitioners, copyright (including for music and entertainment), trademark, patent prosecution, licensing and strategy, artificial intelligence, privacy, and cybersecurity. Experiential opportunities — including the Macomber Entrepreneurial and Transactional Law

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW CERTIFICATE

Clinic, internships, contract drafting, negotiations, and AI policy and governance intensive — help students develop the practical skills necessary to counsel clients and solve complex legal problems.

Graduates leave prepared for careers across the IP landscape including intellectual property protection and defense, transactional and licensing practice, technology and entertainment law, corporate counsel, privacy and cybersecurity, intellectual property strategy, and emerging legal fields involving artificial intelligence and digital innovation.

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Required courses

(Any three from the list below)

Intellectual Property Law
Copyright Law
Patent Law
Trademark and Unfair Competition Law
Privacy and Cybersecurity

Elective Courses

Intellectual Property Litigation
Intellectual Property Strategies
Patent Prosecution
Individual Research

Curriculum Enhancement

Administrative Law
AI and the Law
Conflict of Laws
Federal Courts and Jurisdiction
First Amendment Seminar
Legislation
Sports and Antitrust Law

Experiential Training

Artificial Intelligence Policy & Governance Intensive
Contract Drafting
Mediation
Negotiations
Entrepreneurial/Transactional Clinic

FACULTY

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