

Savitribai Phule Pune University
Second Year of Computer Engineering (2015 Course)
210258: Audit Course 2

AC2-II: Intellectual Property Rights and Patents

Intellectual property is the area of law that deals with protecting the rights of those who create original works. It covers everything from original plays and novels to inventions and company identification marks. The purpose of intellectual property laws is to encourage new technologies, artistic expressions and inventions while promoting economic growth.

Innovation and originality have great potential value. Whatever line of activity you are engaged in, future success depends on them. The last few years have seen intellectual property rights become an issue of general interest: the smart phone “patent wars”, the introduction of Digital Rights management (DRM) and the rise of generic pharmaceuticals and open-source software are just some examples that have been in the public eye. Protecting your intellectual rights appropriately should be a top priority. Yet too many people embark on their chosen professions without even a basic awareness of intellectual property.

Course Objectives:

- To encourage research, scholarship, and a spirit of inquiry
- To encourage students at all levels to develop patentable technologies.
- To provide environment to the students of the Institute for creation, protection, and commercialization of intellectual property and to stimulate innovation.

Course Outcomes:

On completion of the course, learner will be able to–

- Understand the fundamental legal principles related to confidential information, copyright, patents, designs, trademarks and unfair competition
- Identify, apply and assess principles of law relating to each of these areas of intellectual property
- Apply the appropriate ownership rules to intellectual property you have been involved in creating

Course Contents:

- **Introduction to Intellectual Property Law** – The Evolutionary Past - The IPR Tool Kit- Para -Legal Tasks in Intellectual Property Law
- **Introduction to Trade mark** – Trade mark Registration Process – Post registration Procedures – Trade mark maintenance - Transfer of Rights – Inter partes Proceeding – Infringement - Dilution Ownership of Trade mark
- **Introduction to Copyrights** – Principles of Copyright Principles -The subjects Matter of Copy right – The Rights Afforded by Copyright Law – Copy right Ownership, Transfer and duration – Right to prepare Derivative works
- **Introduction to Trade Secret** – Maintaining Trade Secret – Physical Security – Employee Limitation - Employee confidentiality agreement

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