

Postgraduate Certificate in Intellectual Property (PGCertIP)

The Postgraduate Certificate in Intellectual Property (PGCertIP) is a programme designed to provide graduates with knowledge and expertise in New Zealand and Australian intellectual property law. It is the ideal programme for those seeking to complete courses required to become registered as a trade mark attorney. The programme can also be a pathway to the Master of Intellectual Property programme.

Quick facts

Full-time: 1 semester

Part-time: up to 4 semesters

Points: 60

Fees per course: \$1,399.35
Intake: Semester 1 & 2

Postgraduate fees for international students



Entry requirements

An applicant must have completed the requirements for a bachelor's degree from the University of Auckland with a Grade Point Average of 4.0 or higher in at least 60 points above Stage II, or the equivalent from another university as approved by Senate or its representative.

English language: International students must achieve an academic IELTS overall score of 7.0, all bands 6.5 or better or the TOEFL equivalent.



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Delivery of courses in the programme

The courses are taught by leading researchers in intellectual property law, and by a range of expert practitioners and IP professionals. The courses are taught in a blended fashion where the primary mode of delivery is face-to-face, but there will also be a concurrent online stream (Zoom) option available.

Course code	Course name	Course details	2024 Dates
LAWCOMM 772	Intellectual Property Law and Practice	Accredited to meet topic groups A1, A2 and B	5 March – 16 April, 5-7pm
LAWCOMM 796	Trade Marks and Related Rights	Accredited to meet topic group C	29 February – 9 May, 5-8pm
LAWCOMM 782	Trade Marks Practice	Accredited to meet topic group D	21-23 August, 9am-5pm

Topic groups are the subjects which form the curriculum of studies set by the Trans-Tasman IP Attorneys Board to prepare students to practise as patent attorneys and trade mark attorneys. The curriculum for trade mark attorneys consists of 4 topic groups (A1, A2, B, C and D). The curriculum for patent attorneys consists of 9 topic groups. See further ttipattorney.gov.au/register-as-an-attorney/patent-attorneys/eligibility-requirements

Students may enrol into a fourth intellectual property course -such as Patent Law, Patent Practice or Copyright and Design. Students doing a PGCertIP are required to enrol on LAW 700, a zero-point course with no fees.

As well as the above courses, students can also take up to 15 points from another 700 level course offered by the University of Auckland approved by the Programme Director.

"One of the most valuable aspects of my postgraduate programme at the University of Auckland has been its collaborative nature. Despite my limited legal background, I have found the programme to be open and welcoming, encouraging questions and facilitating a deep understanding of a new field of study.

Jachin Rowe

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