

Postgraduate Virtual **Open Days**

LLM in Intellectual Property Law

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Why Edinburgh?

- The University is ranked 34th in the world, 10th in Europe and 6th in the UK (QS World University Rankings 2026)
- We are ranked 16th in the world, 5th in Europe and 5th in the UK for Law (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025 by subject: law)
- The city of Edinburgh is ranked =15th Best Student City in the world and 2nd in the UK (QS Best Student Cities 2026)



Our Community

- Become part of a diverse student community
- Student-led social life: Edinburgh Law School Postgraduate Student Society
- Law School's world-class facilities based in historic Old College



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Beyond the classroom

- A world-class library of resources
- Extracurricular activities e.g. lectures and seminars by invited experts
- Student organised social events



LLM Degree Structure

Basic requirements - Completion of 180 credits

120 credits in taught courses



Contingent on successful
completion of taught element

60 credit dissertation

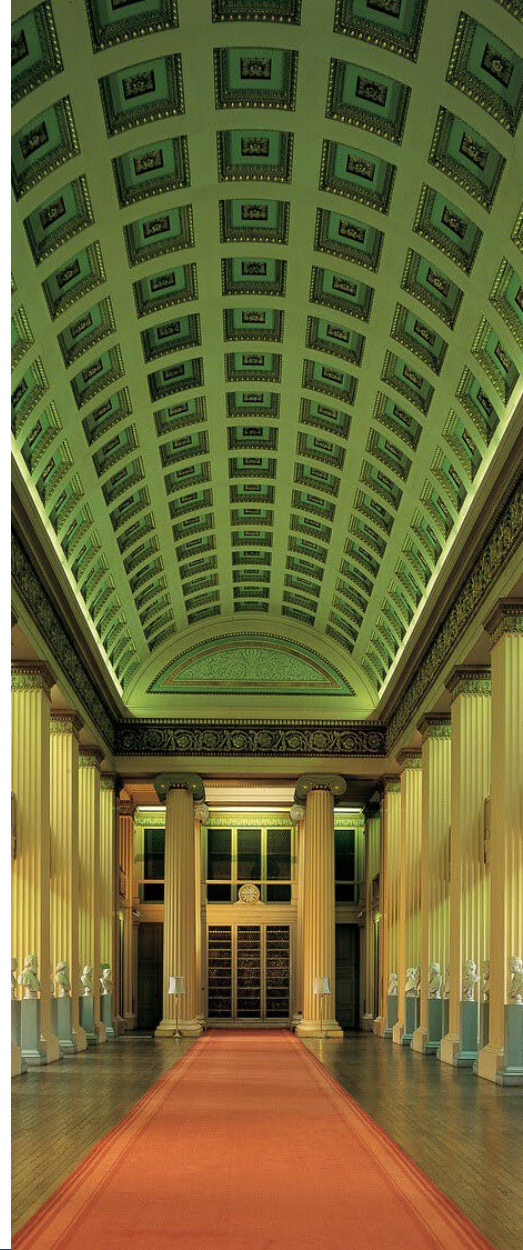


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Why study Intellectual Property law?

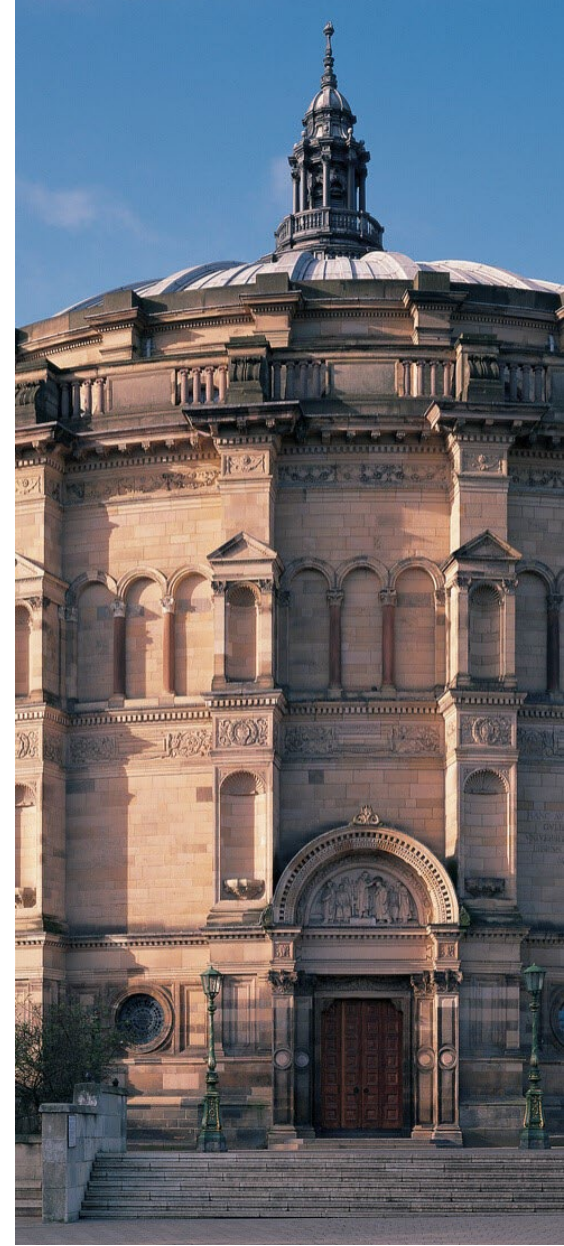
- Global use of intellectual property has been on the rise in the last decade and it is now an important concern in both developed and developing economies.
- Intellectual Property protection has increasingly been associated with the aims of promoting economic growth, innovation, and creativity.



Why study Intellectual Property law? Continued

The ever-increasing role and impact of Intellectual Property law and policy makes specialised knowledge of this subject a valuable asset for those:

- intending to enter legal practice and specialise in intellectual property law;
- seeking to work in areas such as the creative industries, cultural industries, manufacturing industries, pharmaceuticals, life sciences, computing, information and communication technologies, artificial intelligence etc. with a focus on intellectual property;
- intending to take up a policymaking role in relation to knowledge-intensive sectors;
- looking to undertake further postgraduate study in the area of intellectual property law or pursue a research or academic career.



Courses*

Core courses

Select between 80 and 120 credits

- Intellectual Property Law 1: Copyright and related rights (20 credits)
- Intellectual Property Law 2: Industrial Property (20 credits)
- International Intellectual Property Law (20 credits)
- Intellectual Property and Development (20 credits)
- Intellectual Property and Human Rights (20 credits)
- Advanced Issues in Patent Law and Policy (20 credits)
- Advanced Issues in Registered Trade mark Law and Policy (20 credits)
- Competition Law, Intellectual Property and the Innovation Economy (20 credits)

*An illustrative list of the courses that may be offered in the 2026-27 academic year. Courses that will be offered will be confirmed in May 2026.



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Optional courses for the Law School*

You will have the option to take between 0 and 20 credits of the following courses from different subject areas offered by the Law School, depending on availability and with the express permission of the programme director.*

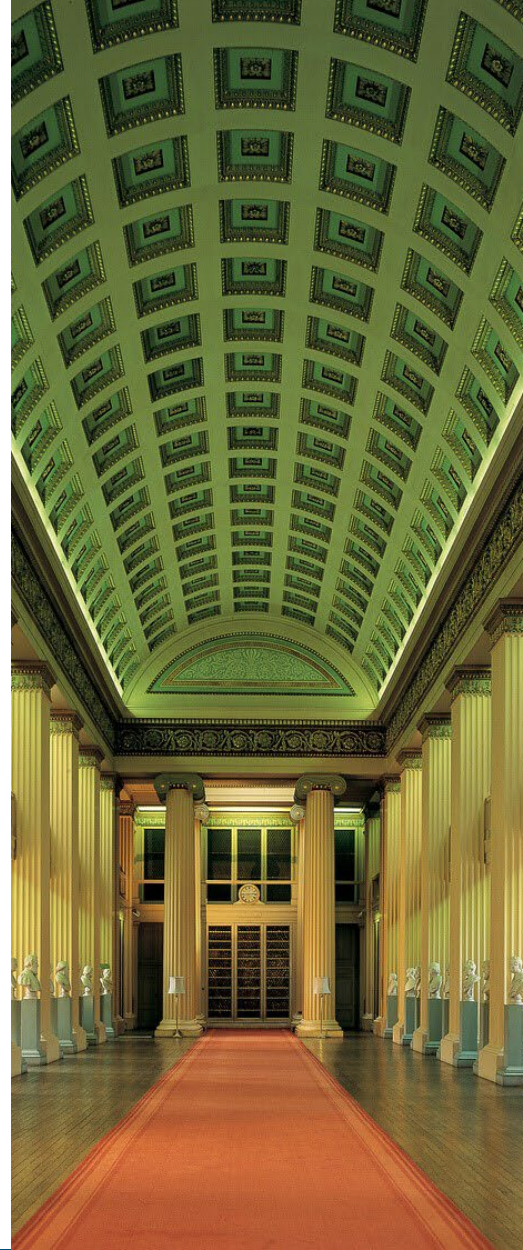
- Comparative Corporate Governance (20 credits)
- Cybercrime and Cyber Security (20 credits)
- Energy Transition and the International Economic Legal Order: Governance, Challenges and Innovations (20 credits)
- Fundamentals of Legal Argument (20 credits)
- Hardware and the Law: intellectual property, safety, sustainability and sovereignty for tech devices (20 credits)
- International and European Media Law (20 credits)
- International Commercial Arbitration (20 credits)
- Introduction to Health Law (20 credits)
- Legal Decision-Making (20 credits)
- Police and Policing (20 credits)
- Robotics, AI and the Law (20 credits)
- Software and the law (20 credits)
- The Law of Integration: understanding the EU Legal System (20 credits)
- The Law of International Trade (20 credits)
- The Legal Challenges of Information Technologies (20 credits)
- WTO Law 1 (20 credits)

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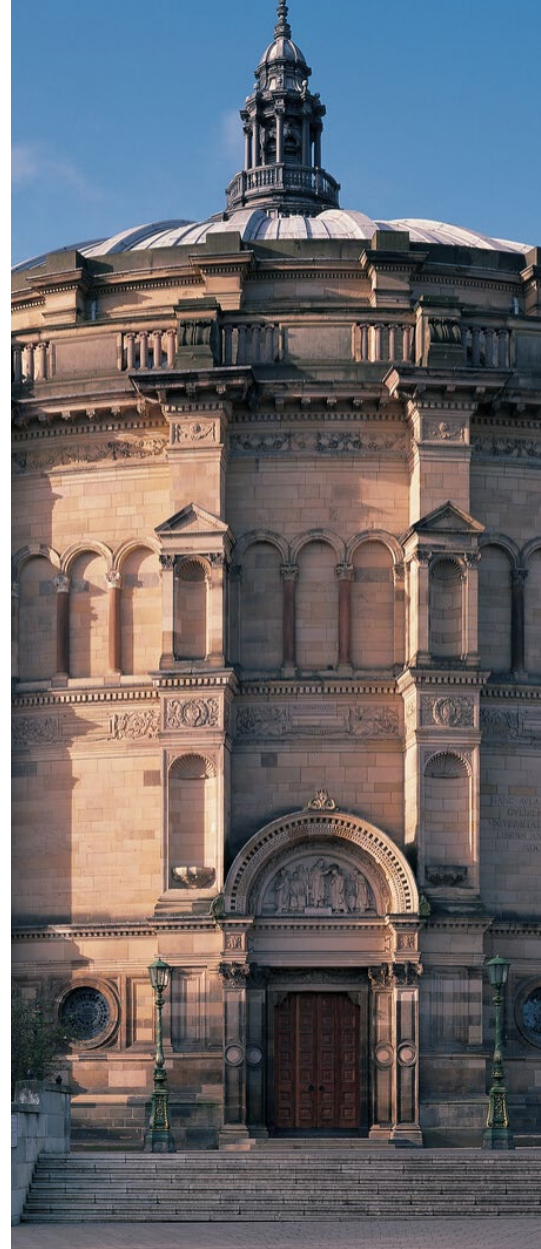
Dissertation (60 credits)

- Approved topic in the field of IP Law
- 10,000 words
- Written between April-August
- Structured supervision to support your independent scholarly research
- An excellent foundation for doctoral research and a good as a focal point on your CV more generally



How you will learn

- Normally weekly two-hour interactive seminars per semester for each subject
- Active participation in discussions and advance reading expected
- Classes may also involve lectures, class debates, individual presentations, or group exercises for example.
- No exams
- Courses use a range of take-home assessments (e.g. essays, reports) or in-class work (oral presentations, class participation).



Wider experience in IP

Examples of extra-curricular IP activities from previous years (these vary from year-to-year):

- Team entering the Oxford IP Moot competition
- Visit to National Gallery of Scotland
- Visit to University's 3D printing studio
- IP challenge/problem-solving with local partners

IP Research

- Script Centre



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Sources of support during your studies

- Student Advisor
- Postgraduate Team
- English Language Education
- Careers Service
- The Advice Place
- Student Wellbeing Service
- IT Support



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Application deadlines

Round	Application deadline	Decisions by
1	15 December 2025	19 March 2026
2	04 May 2026	30 June 2026

- We will make as many offers as possible to the strongest candidates on an ongoing basis.
- We recommend that you apply as early as possible.
- Applications may close earlier than published deadlines if there is exceptionally high demand.





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Thank you Any questions?

You can find a lot of useful information about the programme and how to apply on the Edinburgh Law School website.

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