



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 a registered trade mark attorney (Australia).

Quick facts

Full-time: 1 semester

Part-time: Up to 4 semesters

Points: 60

Intake: Semester 1 & 2

Postgraduate fees for domestic 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
LAWCOMM 772	Intellectual Property Law and Practice	Accredited to meet topic groups A1, A2 and B
LAWCOMM 795	Copyright and Design	Accredited to meet topic group I
LAWCOMM 796	Trade Marks and Related Rights	Accredited to meet topic group C
LAWCOMM 782	Trade Marks Practice	Accredited to meet topic group D
LAWCOMM 793	Patent Law	Accredited to meet topic group E
LAWCOMM 785	Patent Practice	Accredited to meet topic group F



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

Of particular interest, in 2025 we are offering a 30-point paper, LAWCOMM 738: IP Law in Asia-Pacific. This course is being taught by Dr Wenting Cheng from the University of Queensland.

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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