

## Course Descriptions None 2013-2014

Course Title Intellectual Property Rights in a Network Society  
 Course Code EBC4026  
 ECTS Credits 6,5  
 Assessment None

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	28-10-2013	20-12-2013		X		X	

Level Advanced  
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 Language of instruction English

Goals The course will provide an understanding of the theory and practise of intellectual property rights (IPRs), such as patents, copyright and trademarks, and the consequences of IPRs for the information society. You will get an understanding of the economic rationale of IPRs, their international context, and the impact of IPRs on standard setting. You will be able to critically assess the debate on IPRs in the modern information society, including software, open source and other information industries.

Description This course deals with the economic aspects of intellectual property rights (IPRs) and provides insights into why various forms of IPRs such as patents, copyrights and trademarks are necessary to stimulate innovation. We will also look at how certain aspects of IPRs may hinder innovation. In the international context of IPRs, we will look at how IPRs influence the diffusion of knowledge between countries, for example from advanced countries to developing countries. In the context of standard setting, IPRs are important because they may block access to the standard. Subsequently the course moves to developments specific in the information society and discusses contemporary topics like (open source) software and creative commons. The final topic concerns policy design in a digital economy and includes cloud computing, smartphone industries and mobile internet.

Literature Articles from academic journals and book chapters

Prerequisites an advanced level of English  
 No specific required knowledge

Teaching methods PBL / Presentation / Assignment

Assessment methods Participation / Written Exam

Evaluation in previous academic year For the complete evaluation of this course please click <http://iwio-sbe.maastrichtuniversity.nl/rapporten.asp?referrer=codeUM>

This course belongs to the following programme / specialisation

Master International Business Track Accountancy	Electives
Master International Business Track Controlling	Electives
Master International Business Track Entrepreneurship	Electives
Master International Business Track Finance	Electives
Master International Business Track Organisation	Electives
Master International Business Track Strategy and Innovation	Electives
Master Information and Network Economics	Compulsory Courses
SBE Exchange Master	Master Courses
SBE Non Degree Courses	Master Courses