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Technische Universität Dresden
Faculty of Law

Regulations for the postgraduate Master's Programme International Studies in Intellectual Property Law

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On the basis of § 34 paragraph 1 sentence 1 of the Act on the Autonomy of Institutions of Higher Education in the Free State of Saxony in the version of the announcement of 15 January 2013 (SächsGVBl. p. 3), Technische Universität Dresden issues the following study regulations as statutes.

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§ 1

Scope of Application

On the basis of the Act on the Autonomy of Institutions of Higher Education in the Free State of Saxony and the examination regulations, these Study Regulations stipulate the objectives, content, structure and organisation of the postgraduate Master's programme International Studies in Intellectual Property Law at Technische Universität Dresden.

§ 2

Objectives of the Degree Programme

(1) Due to their studies, students have the fundamental knowledge in the field of intellectual property and the areas of law closely connected. Based on this fundamental knowledge, they have in-depth knowledge in the area of intellectual property, competition and media law in their national and international legal and economic contexts and are able to apply this knowledge in practice. Students have advanced subject-specific foreign language skills, and an understanding of other legal systems, which enables them to assess and resolve issues that have an international dimension.

(2) Due to their broad expertise, their knowledge of scientific methods and their comprehensive practice-oriented training, graduates are able to manage diverse and complex tasks in the legal field of intellectual property following an adequate introductory period in professional practice. Given the special practical orientation of the programme, students gain deep insight into their future areas of responsibility and, after completing their studies, have broad application-oriented expert knowledge.

§ 3

Admission Requirements

(1) The prerequisite for admission to the studies is a first degree from an institution of higher education that is recognised in Germany and qualifying for a certain profession (*berufsqualifizierender Hochschulabschluss*), or a degree from a state or state-recognised university of cooperative education (*Berufsakademie*) in law, as well as normally one year of professional experience in the field.

(2) Graduates with a non-legal degree of an institution of higher education can be admitted to the studies if they prove sufficient legal knowledge according to the aptitude test regulations § 2 paragraph 2.

(3) For the studies, English proficiency is required at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages of the Council of Europe. Proof thereof is provided by an internationally offered test or by a language certificate of TU Dresden (B2 with at least grade 2.0 or C1). Applicants whose mother tongue is English are exempt from this obligation to provide proof. In exceptional duly justified cases, the requirement of a language test may be waived upon application.

§ 4

Start and Duration of the Degree Programme

(1) The programme can be started in the winter or in the summer semester.

(2) The standard period of study is 2 semester and includes, in addition to attendance, independent study, the study abroad at one of the partner universities, supervised practical periods if applicable, and the Master's examination.

§ 5

Teaching and Learning Methods

(1) The subject matter is structured in modules. In the individual modules, knowledge is acquired, consolidated and deepened by teaching and learning methods according to paragraph 2 and through independent study.

(2) Teaching and learning methods used in the degree programme:

1. Lectures serve to introduce the subject matters of the modules and provide a coherent presentation of the most important topics and structures of the subject.
2. Practical sessions serve to acquire the necessary methodological and technical skills. The acquired knowledge is applied in exemplary subfields. Additionally, practical sessions provide students with the opportunity to discuss their solutions to training tasks in capable groups and under guidance.
3. Seminars enable students to inform themselves under supervision in a selected problem area on the basis of specialist literature or other material, to report on the results of their work, to discuss them within the group and / or to present them in written format.
4. Colloquia serve critical academic engagement with a topic in an academic discussion with a lecturer or under his guidance. Students obtain the opportunity to present problem areas researched, to critically reflect on them and to support a position with reason and logic.
5. E-Learning supports the learning process by electronic and digital information and communication technology.
6. Placements serve to apply the subject matter taught and to acquire practical skills in potential areas of employment.
7. Workshops serve to hone and make practical use of the acquired skills within the group, presenting and applying in practical context typical practical and current problems.
8. Mock trials enable students to apply in practice both their legal knowledge and their general qualification in judicial or related procedures.
9. Study trips provide students with insight into court, institutional, and lawyer's practice related to intellectual property law.
10. Tutorials support students especially with regard to guidance for learning and advice for study.
11. Language courses serve to convey and train knowledge, skills and abilities in the respective foreign language. They foster the development of communication and intercultural competences in academic and professional context, as well as in everyday situations.
12. Independent study allows students to individually acquire knowledge in module-related subject areas on the basis of specialist literature or other material.

Structure and Organisation of the Degree Programme

(1) The programme is organised in modules. The curriculum offered is divided in 2 semesters. In the scope of one semester, study and examinations will be completed at a previously selected partner university (obligatory semester abroad) in the frame of a joint study programme, regulated in detail in a cooperation agreement with the partner universities.

(2) The selection of the respective partner university for the semester abroad allows students to specialise according to their choice. The following specialisation is possible at the individual partner universities:

1. University of Exeter: Overview of Intellectual Property Law and European Law (25 credits),
2. Jagiellonian University / Uniwersytet Jagielloński Kraków: Intellectual Property Law (25 credits),
3. Queen Mary University of London: Intellectual Property Law (25 credits),
4. Charles University / Univerzita Karlova Prague: Intellectual Property Law, especially Copyright Law (25 credits),
5. University of Washington, School of Law Seattle: Intellectual Property Law and Antitrust Law (30 credits),
6. Université Robert Schuman Strasbourg: Intellectual Property Law, especially Patent and Trademark Law (30 credits)
7. University of Szeged / Szegedi Tudományegyetem: Intellectual Property Law, especially Copyright Law (25 credits),
8. Keio University Tokyo: Intellectual Property Law, especially Patent Law (30 credits).

Once specified, the partner university and the specialisation involved may not be changed. The number of places offered is determined by the number of places available at the respective partner university. The number of places offered at the partner universities will be made available each year by the Faculty. The choice of the partner university is binding and made concurrently with the application. A change of the partner university is only possible once. The application that must contain both the partner university to be replaced as well as the new one chosen shall be addressed to the Dean of studies. The change can only be approved if there is still a place available at the new partner university; the decision is taken by the Dean of studies.

(3) The programme comprises three compulsory modules for those students who spend the obligatory semester abroad at the partner universities in Exeter, London, Kraków, Prague and Szeged, and two compulsory modules for all other students. The programme is designed for students to choose, in addition to the studies pursued at the partner university, an additional focal area. The choice can be made between two focal areas: 'Intellectual Property Law in National and International Context' and 'Comparative Intellectual Property Law'. The choice of the focal area is binding and has to be made for the beginning of the lectures of the summer semester. A change of this choice is possible only once. It shall be made in writing and addressed to the Dean of studies, naming both the focal area to be replaced and the new focal area chosen.

(4) Qualification objectives, contents, teaching and learning methods included, requirements, usability, frequency, workload, and duration of the individual modules can be found in the module descriptions (Attachment 1). Teaching and learning methods, courses offered, and required academic work during the semester abroad at the partner university will be documented in the form of Learning Agreements. -

(5) Courses of the focal area 'Intellectual Property Law in National and International Context' are held in German, and in accordance with the module description also in English; courses in the focal area 'Comparative Intellectual Property Law' are held in English. The language for teaching and examinations at the respective partner university may be the national language, according to the courses offered.

(6) The appropriate allocation of the modules to the individual semester, the observance of which makes it possible to complete the programme within the standard period of study, as well as the type and scope of the respective courses included, and the number and standard time of the required study and examination achievements can be found in the study schedule attached (Attachment 2).

(7) The study schedule may be amended by the Faculty Council upon proposal of the Academic Affairs Committee if no major changes are affected. The amended study schedule shall apply to all students who have been informed about it at the beginning of their studies as is customary at the Faculty. The examination board shall decide, upon application, on any exceptions to sentence 2.

§ 7

Content of the Degree Programme

(1) The Master's programme International Studies in Intellectual Property Law is a highly application-oriented law programme with strong practical orientation.

(2) The programme imparts general key qualifications such as rhetoric and subject-specific foreign language skills. Additionally, it comprises the fundamentals of intellectual property law as well as specialisations in subfields (especially patent law, trademark law, design law, utility model law, plant variety law and copyright law). Furthermore, fundamentals of competition, media and data protection law will be acquired. Imparting fundamental knowledge about different legal and regulation systems, the focus is especially on international and European dimensions. Moreover, the programme provides insight in the practical work of lawyers, business companies, organisations, and courts in the fields of intellectual property, competition, and media law.

§ 8

Credit Points

(1) ECTS credit points document the average workload of the students and their individual study progress. One credit point corresponds to 30 hours of workload. Normally, 60 credit points are awarded per academic year, i.e. 30 credit points per semester. The total workload for the programme corresponds to 60 credit points and comprises the teaching and learning methods according to type and scope stipulated in the module descriptions, the study and examination achievements, the semester abroad, and the Master's thesis.

(2) The module descriptions indicate the number of credit points that can be earned by each module. Credit points are awarded upon passing the module examination. § 22 of the examination regulations shall remain unaffected.

§ 9

Academic Advisory and Counselling Services

(1) General advice will be provided by the Central Student Information and Counselling Services at TU Dresden and covers questions regarding study options, enrolment modalities and general student affairs. Subject-specific advice during the studies will be provided by the academic advisory services of the Institute of Intellectual Property, Technology and Media Law. This subject-specific advice is assisting students especially with regard to the design of their studies.

(2) At the beginning of the second semester, each student who has not yet provided any proof of academic performance shall make use of subject-specific advisory services.

§ 10

Amendments to Module Descriptions

(1) In order to amend to changed conditions, module descriptions may be changed in a simplified procedure in order to optimise study organisation, with the exemption of the fields 'module name', 'qualification objectives', 'contents', 'teaching and learning methods', 'requirements for earning credit points', and 'credit points and grades'.

(2) In a simplified procedure, the Faculty Council will adopt the amendments to the module descriptions upon proposal of the academic affairs committee. The amendments shall be published as customary in the Faculty.

§ 11

Entry into Force, Publication, and Transitional Arrangements

(1) These Study Regulations shall enter into force on 1 April 2018 and will be published in the official announcements of Technische Universität Dresden.

(2) It shall apply to all students enrolled in the Master's programme International Studies in Intellectual Property Law from the winter semester 2018/2019.

(3) For all students enrolled before the winter semester 2018/2019, the Study Regulations for the Master's programme International Studies in Intellectual Property Law valid for them before the entry into force of the present regulations shall continue to apply.

Issued on the basis of the resolution of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Law on 15 November 2017 and the approval by the University Executive Board on 29 January 2018.

Dresden, 10 March 2018

Rector of
Technische Universität Dresden

Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. DEng/Auckland Hans Müller-Steinhagen

Attachment 1
Module Descriptions

Module number	Module name	Responsible lecturer
JF-IP-1	Industrial Property Law and Competition Law	Prof Dr Horst-Peter Götting, LL.M. (London)
Qualification objectives	Students have in-depth knowledge and competences in the field of industrial property law and competition law. Students are able to correctly place different matters and problems to be examined, and to resolve them while taking into account the protected subject matter, the scope of protection, as well as barriers and sanctions in the respective subfield. Additionally, they gain an insight in the practical work of organisations, courts, business companies, and law offices active in the field of intellectual property law.	
Contents	This module focuses on fundamentals of national trademark, patent, design, and competition law each in European and international context. Additionally, practical reference is made to fundamentals of copyright, media and data protection law.	
Teaching and learning methods	The module comprises one lecture with the scope of 2 hours per week (SWS), one workshop of 4 SWS, one mock trial of 1 SWS, as well as 3 practical sessions of 1 SWS each. The lecture will be held in German or English, which will be specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester and announced by the Faculty. The practical sessions can be supplemented or partially replaced by E-Learning offers. This will be specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester and announced as is customary at the Faculty. Additionally, knowledge is acquired through independent study.	
Prerequisites for participation	The module requires sound legal knowledge in the fields of both civil and public law which in scope and quality corresponds to the level of knowledge of a law graduate of an institution of higher education or of a holder of a corresponding foreign legal degree, as well as a qualified workplace experience of normally not less than one year.	
Usability	The module is a compulsory module in the focal area 'Intellectual Property Law in National and International Context' in the Master's programme International Studies in Intellectual Property Law.	
Requirements for earning credit points	Credit points are awarded upon passing the module examination. The module examination consists of a written test (<i>Klausur</i>) of 180 minutes.	
Credit points and grades	The module allows to earn 10 credit points. The module grade corresponds to the grade of the written test.	

Frequency of the module	The module is offered each year in the summer semester.
Workload	The workload for this module amounts to 300 hours of work.
Duration of the module	The module runs for the duration of one semester.

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Module number	Module name	Responsible lecturer
JF-IP-2	Media, Data Protection, and Copyright Law	Prof Dr Horst-Peter Götting, LL.M. (London)
Qualification objectives	Students have knowledge and competences in media and copyright law as well as basic knowledge in data protection law, and are able to both relate to them and place issues correctly. They are familiar with the fundamental structures and contents of media, data protection and copyright law.	
Contents	This module focuses on fundamentals of media and copyright law, and basics of data protection law.	
Teaching and learning methods	The module comprises one lecture of 2 hours per week (SWS). Additionally, the module comprises one practical session of 1 SWS, one seminar of 1 SWS, and one workshop of 1 SWS. Furthermore, knowledge is acquired through independent study. Parts of both the practical session and the seminar can be supplemented by E-Learning offers or can be held in English. The offer will be specified by the lecturer at latest at the beginning of each semester and announced by the Faculty.	
Prerequisites for participation	The module requires sound legal knowledge in the fields of both civil and public law which in scope and quality corresponds to the level of knowledge of a law graduate of an institution of higher education or of a holder of a corresponding foreign legal degree, as well as a qualified workplace experience of normally not less than one year.	
Usability	The module is a compulsory module in the focal area 'Intellectual Property Law in National and International Context' in the Master's programme International Studies in Intellectual Property Law.	
Requirements for earning credit points	Credit points are awarded upon passing the module examination. The module examination consists of a written test (<i>Klausur</i>) of 90 minutes and of an oral presentation (<i>Referat</i>).	
Credit points and grades	The module allows to earn 5 credit points. The module grade is calculated as the unweighted average of the grades of the two examination achievements.	
Frequency of the module	The module is offered each year in the summer semester.	
Workload	The workload for this module amounts to 150 hours of work.	
Duration of the module	The module runs for the duration of one semester.	

Module number	Module name	Responsible lecturer
JF-IP-3	Intellectual Property Law and Unfair Competition Law	Prof Dr Horst-Peter Götting, LL.M. (London)
Qualification objectives	Students have in-depth knowledge and competences in the field of industrial property law and the required subject-specific foreign language skills. Students are able to correctly place different matters and problems to be examined, and to resolve them while taking into account the protected subject matter, the scope of protection, as well as barriers and sanctions in the respective subfield.	
Contents	This module focuses on European and international trademark, patent, design and competition law, as well as, subject to the choice of the student, German or English technical language, if applicable.	
Teaching and learning methods	The module comprises one lecture of 2 hours per week (SWS), one workshop of 4 SWS, one seminar of 1 SWS and one mock trial of 1 SWS. Additionally, students can choose between a workshop in the field of intellectual property law with the scope of 2 SWS or a language course of 2 SWS. Furthermore, knowledge is acquired through independent study. Parts of both the workshop and the seminar can be supplemented by E-Learning offers. This will be specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester and announced by the Faculty.	
Prerequisites for participation	The module requires sound legal knowledge in the fields of both civil and public law which in scope and quality corresponds to the level of knowledge of a law graduate of an institution of higher education or of a holder of a corresponding foreign legal degree, as well as a qualified workplace experience of normally not less than one year.	
Usability	The module is a compulsory module in the focal area 'Comparative Intellectual Property Law' of the Master's programme International Studies in Intellectual Property Law.	
Requirements for earning credit points	Credit points are awarded upon passing the module examination. The module examination consists of a written test (<i>Klausur</i>) of 180 minutes.	
Credit points and grades	The module allows to earn 10 credit points. The module grade corresponds to the grade of the written test.	
Frequency of the module	The module is offered each year in the summer semester.	
Workload	The workload for this module amounts to 300 hours of work.	
Duration of the module	The module runs for the duration of one semester.	

Module number	Module name	Responsible lecturer
JF-IP-4	Copyright, Media & IT Law	Prof Dr Horst-Peter Götting, LL.M. (London)
Qualification objectives	Students have knowledge and competences in media and copyright law as well as basic knowledge in data protection law, and are able to both relate to them and place issues correctly. They are familiar with the fundamental structures and contents of media, data protection and copyright law.	
Contents	This module focuses on European and international copyright, media and data protection law.	
Teaching and learning methods	The module comprises one lecture with the scope of 2 hours per week (SWS). Additionally, it comprises one seminar of 1 SWS and one workshop of 1 SWS. Furthermore, knowledge is acquired through independent study. Parts of the seminar can be supplemented by E-Learning offers. This will be specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester and announced by the Faculty.	
Prerequisites for participation	The module requires sound legal knowledge in the fields of both civil and public law which in scope and quality corresponds to the level of knowledge of a law graduate of an institution of higher education or of a holder of a corresponding foreign legal degree, as well as a qualified workplace experience of normally not less than one year.	
Usability	The module is a compulsory module in the focal area 'Comparative Intellectual Property Law' of the Master's programme International Studies in Intellectual Property Law.	
Requirements for earning credit points	Credit points are awarded upon passing the module examination. The module examination consists of a written test (<i>Klausur</i>) of 90 minutes and of an oral presentation (<i>Referat</i>).	
Credit points and grades	The module allows to earn 5 credit points. The module grade is calculated as the unweighted average of the grades of the two examination achievements.	
Frequency of the module	The module is offered each year in the summer semester.	
Workload	The workload for this module amounts to 150 hours of work.	
Duration of the module	The module runs for the duration of one semester.	

Module number	Module name	Responsible lecturer
JF-IP-5	Practice module	Prof Dr Horst-Peter Götting, LL.M. (London)
Qualification objectives	Students gain an insight in the practical work of business companies, organisations, courts or law offices in the field of intellectual property. They are able to apply theoretical knowledge in practice and to find solutions to problems specific to this workplace.	
Contents	This module focuses on the practical application of knowledge in the field of intellectual property.	
Teaching and learning methods	The module comprises a placement with the scope of one month, the practical training period of which shall run over at least 4 weeks.	
Prerequisites for participation	The module requires sound legal knowledge in the fields of both civil and public law which in scope and quality corresponds to the level of knowledge of a law graduate of an institution of higher education or of a holder of a corresponding foreign legal degree, as well as a qualified workplace experience of normally not less than one year.	
Usability	The module is a compulsory module for students of the programme 'International Studies in Intellectual Property Law' who, during the winter semester, spend one semester abroad at the partner universities in Kraków, Prague, London, Szeged, or Exeter according to § 6 of the Study Regulations.	
Requirements for earning credit points	Credit points are awarded upon passing the module examinations. The module examination consists of a placement report with a text length of at least 8000 characters (including spaces) as ungraded academic work. Additionally, the presentation of a placement certificate containing type, duration and scope of the tasks is a prerequisite for passing the module.	
Credit points and grades	The module allows to earn 5 credit points. The module is 'passed' or 'failed' according to the assessment of the examination achievement.	
Frequency of the module	The module is offered each year in the winter semester.	
Workload	The workload for this module amounts to 150 hours of work.	
Duration of the module	The module runs for the duration of one month.	

Attachment 2 Study Schedule

including type and scope of the courses in hours per week (SWS) as well as required academic work, the type, scope and design of which can be found in the module descriptions

Module no.	Module name	Winter semester	Summer semester	Credits	Credits
		V/S/AG/W	V/S/Ü/W/PS		
JF-IP-5	Practice module*	Placement, at least 4 weeks PL		5 *	30
		Semester abroad (Courses and academic work at the partner university according to Learning Agreement)		25 **	
JF-IP-1 ***	Industrial Property Law and Competition Law		2/0/3/4/1 PL	10	30
JF-IP-2 ***	Media, Data Protection, and Copyright Law		2/1/1/1/0 2 x PL	5	
JF-IP-3 ***	Intellectual Property Law and Unfair Competition Law		2/1/0/6 ¹ /1 ¹ of which optional 2 SWS language course, if applicable PL	10	
JF-IP-4 ***	Copyright, Media & IT Law		2/1/0/1/0 2 x PL	5	
			Master's thesis	15	
	Credits	30	30	60	60

* with the exemption of students studying at the partner universities of Strasbourg or Seattle in winter semester

** students studying in Strasbourg or Seattle earn 30 credits

*** alternative option, students can choose between the focal areas 'Intellectual Property Law in National and International Context' (JF-IP-1 and JF-IP-2) and 'Comparative Intellectual Property Law' (JF-IP-3 and JF-IP-4))

PL = examination achievement (*Prüfungsleistung*)

V = lecture (*Vorlesung*)

S = seminar (*Seminar*)

Ü = practical session (*Übung*)

W = workshop (*Workshop*)

PS = mock trial (*Praxissimulation*)