

DEPARTMENT OF LAW



Master Programme in
European Intellectual
Property Law



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European Intellectual Property Law, 60 ECTS

Did you ever wonder what business model Spotify is based on? Have you at some point enjoyed a film based on a book and wondered how a third party may use a literary work? Do you want to know more about what the fashion industry and the pharmaceutical industry have in common? Answers to these questions and many more will be offered in the European Intellectual Property Law (EIPL) LLM. And what better country to study Intellectual Property (IP) than Sweden, home to world-famous brands and companies like – to mention but a few – IKEA, H&M, Spotify, ACNE Studios, Ericsson, Electrolux, and Volvo?

IP Law is a dynamic area of the law, which consists of different rights that protect everything from literature, films, music to fashion, brands, pharmaceuticals and Artificial Intelligence. Studying IP means engaging in an area of the law that is characterized by both international and EU dimensions. IP lawyers can work in different jurisdictions and our LL.M. programme has alumni from all over the world.

There are very few areas of the law that challenge and enable market structures the way in which intellectual property law does. Naturally, IP law also holds a great cultural significance.

The international character of the IP system and its interdependence with both technological advancement and market conditions make it a very important and attractive subject to study and an exciting area to work in. At the same time, studying and researching IP requires taking into consideration developments, court cases and publications in multiple jurisdictions, following technological developments and how these challenge traditional legal concepts, as well as integrating the study of IP with that of new markets' dynamics.

A profile area of Stockholm University

SULaw has for a long time enjoyed a strong IP profile and attracted postgraduate students from around the world. This makes Stockholm a natural place to engage in an intellectually vigorous study of both the theory and practice of European IP Law. For over 20 years, the European IP LL.M. has proven its success with approximately 1,000 examined students spread all around the world working at private companies, law firms, in administration and in academia.

SULaw

The Faculty of Law was founded in 1907 at what was then called Stockholm University College (Stockholms högskola). The Faculty was seen as an alternative to the more closed academic environments at the traditional universities. The Faculty of Law is the largest law faculty in Sweden, both in number of researchers and students. Virtually all fields of law are represented. The Faculty has one single department, the Department of Law, or SULaw.



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Structure and Contents of the Programme

The LL.M. in European Intellectual Property Law encompasses a total of 60 ECTS, of which 30 are devoted to a qualified master thesis. Classes in the LL.M. are led by well-known international scholars with different interests in the field of IP. Furthermore, students will meet judges, practitioners, and in-house lawyers working with IP on a daily basis, who will be delivering classes concerning IP litigation, contract drafting and IP strategies.

Students will undergo an intensive training in writing, oral presentation and advocacy, both individually and in groups. They will develop skills of outmost importance to their future careers. They will have the opportunity to be part of an international IP network of professionals and academics, as well as of broad international alumni network. EIPL gives students a solid theoretical and practical foundation in IP law, both on a general and specialist level. All students study the mandatory course in Advanced Intellectual Property Law (15 ECTS), before choosing one elective course in the area of IP Law (15 ECTS each) from the two courses offered: Copyright and Transborder Litigation and Industrial Property- Patents and Trade Marks.

Apply for our LL.M.s

Eligibility

Besides proving their English proficiency, applicants must hold an LL.B. or equivalent undergraduate degree with a minimum of 180 ECTS in law. Applicants on the last year of such a degree can also apply. Each LL.M. also has a specific academic entry requirement. Please see our web page for more specific information.

Application

Our only application round is open between mid-October and mid-January every year.

Applications must be submitted through the national Swedish application web site University Admissions where students must document their eligibility for the chosen programme, and upload all the

documents required for the selection process.

Supporting documents

In their applications, students are required to upload the following :

- Copy of diploma + transcript
- Proof of English proficiency
- Statement of purpose
- Two letters of recommendation
- CV

Selection

Eligible applicants are selected on the basis of a weighted assessment of grades from earlier legal studies, relevant extra-curricular/professional experiences, one personal statement and two letters of recommendation. Typically, grades from legal studies and extra-curricular/professional experiences carry most weight.

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