

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY  
MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAM  
IN  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY STUDIES  
COURSE CODE : STPS - 531  
COURSE TITLE : INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND  
REGULATION  
PROGRAM**

**SUBJECT 1: Intellectual, Industrial and Commercial Rights (Definitions)**  
(1 week)

**Intellectual Property Rights**

**Industrial Property Rights**

- Patents and Utility Models
- Trademarks
- Industrial Designs
- Geographical Indications
- Topographies of Integrated circuits

**Commercial Rights (Other Rights)**

- Trade Names
- Undisclosed Information (Know-How and Trade Secrets)
- Internet Domain names
- Plant Varieties
- Unfair Competition

**SUBJECT 2: National and International Legislation on IP** (2 weeks)

- National Legislation
- International Agreements
- WIPO Convention, WTO – TRIPS Agreement, Paris Convention
- Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), Madrid Protocol (and Agreement)
- Strasbourg Agreement (IPC Agreement), Nice Agreement, Vienna Agreement
- Locarno Agreement, Budapest Agreement, EPC, CTM, EAPC

**SUBJECT 3: Patents vs Utility Models** (3 weeks)

- Aim of the protection
- Types of patents, Rights of the Owner, Criteria for granting,
- Description, Claims, Figures and Abstract
- Procedures before the application and patent searches
- Granting procedures (formal examination, search report, preliminary examination report)
- Procedures after granting (annual or maintenance fees)
- Invalidity, Infringement, Courts

**SUBJECT 4: Trademarks (2 weeks)**

- Aim of the protection
- Types of trademarks
- Rights of the Owner, Criteria for registration
- Procedures before the application
- Registration procedure and procedures after registration
- Renewal and Invalidity
- Infringement and Courts

**SUBJECT 5: Industrial Designs (2 weeks)**

- Aim of the protection
- Types of designs
- Rights of the Owner
- Criteria for registration
- Procedures before the application
- Registration procedures
- Procedures after registration
- Renewal, Invalidity
- Infringement
- Courts

**SUBJECT 6: Geographical Indications (1/2 week)**

- Aim of the protection
- Types of Geographical indications
- Rights of the Owner
- Registration procedures and pProcedures after registration
- Invalidity
- Infringement
- Courts

**SUBJECT 7: Topographies of Integrated Circuits (1/2 week)**

- Aim of the protection
- Rights of the Owner
- Registration procedures, Term of protection
- Procedures after registration
- Invalidity
- Infringement and Courts

3 weeks will be used for general discussions and presentations.

At least 1 presentation and 1 Term Paper (and presentation) will be required during the semester.