COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course focuses on the principles and practical implications of patent protection in Canada. Discussions will include the fundamental concepts of patentability, validity, infringement and commercial exploitation of patentable technology. Patent protection for pharmaceuticals, biotechnological inventions and computer-related inventions will be specifically discussed. One lecture will discuss the United States patent system, focusing on aspects that differ from Canada's.

METHODOLOGY

Lectures and in-class discussions of ungraded exercises relating to patent validity and infringement.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

100% final examination (open book).

Optional: students may request permission from the instructors to write a Major Paper worth 50% of the final grade. The instructors shall have an absolute unfettered discretion to approve or reject any such request or any proposed topic for the Major Paper.

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