



Postgraduate Diploma in
**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW
AND PRACTICE** 2020–21





The Oxford Diploma in IP Law and Practice is a postgraduate vocational course suitable for anyone committed to a career in intellectual property. It is a one-year, part-time course taught by senior practitioners and leading academics that blends academic rigour and practical insight. The Diploma was established in 2008 as a result of a unique collaboration between the Oxford Law Faculty and the Intellectual Property Lawyers' Association. It is now firmly established as the leading course of its kind.

The path to professional practice in Intellectual Property

The Diploma provides a professional development programme in an area of enormous national and international importance. It is suitable for those who are new to IP, as well as those who are looking to deepen their knowledge (the Diploma covers a wide range of issues, including the relationship between IP and competition law, IP and tax and IP and private international law that are generally neglected on other courses).

The Diploma comprises a two-week residential programme held in September at Merton College, Oxford, and a series of weekend workshops held from October to June in London law firms. It is taught by a mix of practising and academic lawyers, and covers the full range of IP subjects (including Patents, Trade Marks, Unfair Competition and Passing Off, Trade Secrets, Designs, Copyright and Moral Rights) as well as key aspects of litigious and non-litigious IP practice and procedure.

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The Oxford Law Faculty

Law has been taught in Oxford for some 850 years. For centuries Law meant Roman Law, then in 1758 Sir William Blackstone became the first Vinerian Professor of English Law and brought the common law into the university. Since then Oxford has been home to many of the key figures of the modern common law. Today the Faculty keeps faith with its history. The study of the common law, including its interaction with modern legislation and regulation, is central to our pursuits. But our work has also been enriched by strengths in other areas, such as Comparative Law, the Philosophy of Law, International Law, European Law, and most recently Intellectual Property Law. Those strengths have been further extended and enhanced by involvement with a range of specialist and multidisciplinary Centres in Criminology, Socio-Legal Studies, European and Comparative Law, Competition, Taxation, and Intellectual Property, making Oxford unsurpassed as a place for multidisciplinary work connected with the Law and its development.

The Law Faculty has a distinguished reputation in research and publications in Law. The Research Excellence Framework 2014 reported that substantially more top-rated research activity went on in Law at Oxford than in any other university in the country. Oxford was ranked first in the UK and second in the world in the 2020 QS World University rankings of law schools .

WELCOME FROM
Professor Anne Davies
Dean of the Faculty of Law



Welcome to the Oxford Diploma in Intellectual Property Law and Practice. This unique programme covers an exciting and increasingly vital field of the law.

Intellectual Property has a distinctive structure, and a distinctive set of intellectual challenges. Yet IP Law also needs to be understood in light of allied fields including Competition law, the law of tax, and the law of finance. Students in the Diploma programme learn to master the challenges of this discipline in their widest context in law, in legal practice, and in commerce. And they reach that point through intensive work with senior practitioners and academics at the frontiers of the field.

Oxford has long been a world-leading centre for the study of the common law, and it is now a powerhouse in the study of 21st-century international financial and commercial legal regimes. The Diploma programme is an opportunity for us to work with students who will become leaders in the field, and also to work with the senior specialists in the practice of IP Law who will teach in the residential programme and weekend workshops. We are delighted to welcome you as members of the Oxford legal community.



Intellectual Property at Oxford

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The University's intellectual property research community is built around the Oxford Intellectual Property Research Centre (OIPRC). The Centre provides a focus within the University for multi-disciplinary, advanced research into all aspects of intellectual property.

The OIPRC was established in 1990 at St Peter's College by Faculty member Peter Hayward, with an initial gift from the Hitachi Foundation. In the 1990s, it developed a visitors' programme and multidisciplinary research agenda. In 1998 Peter Hayward retired, and Professor David Vaver was appointed as the University's first Professor of Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law. In October 2008 the OIPRC became a Centre of the University of Oxford's Faculty of Law, taking its place alongside a growing number of multidisciplinary Centres. Soon thereafter Professor Graeme Dinwoodie took over as Director of the Centre.

The current Director is Professor Robert Burrell and the OIPRC now has academic members from Law, Economics, History, Politics, the Business School, and the Oxford Internet Institute. The Centre organises a weekly seminar series, a visiting researchers' programme, periodic conferences and workshops, and a hugely successful annual international moot that brings together practitioners, students and academics to address current problems in the field. There is also a fortnightly student-led discussion group. Students on the Diploma are invited to participate in Centre events.





Professor Robert Burrell

Professor of Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law

WELCOME FROM THE COURSE DIRECTOR

The Oxford Diploma in Intellectual Property Law & Practice is unique in many respects. But two are particularly important, and these reflect the challenges of contemporary intellectual property law and practice. First, the course is comprehensive in scope. Intellectual property law is increasingly complex, putting pressure on practitioners to specialise in narrow fields of the discipline. Yet, problems in practice rarely arise so neatly. The Oxford Diploma offers coverage of all the substantive IP regimes. And it treats the material in a variety of important contexts (domestic and international, litigation and transactional). Second, it is both designed and taught in close collaboration between leading academics and practitioners. The growing complexity of intellectual property law makes a fundamental appreciation of the underlying legal principles essential to top-level practice. And the fast-changing commercial and technological environment in which intellectual property operates makes exposure to practice significant for any proper academic understanding of the subject-matter. The Oxford Diploma facilitates this essential interaction of law and practice through the close involvement of leading members of the legal profession in the design and teaching of the course. The result is a course in intellectual property law and practice that is second to none. We look forward to seeing you in Oxford.

THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION (IPLA)

The IPLA is a professional association representing law firms with significant practises in Intellectual Property. Its members include the top-ranking specialist IP firms in the UK, which are responsible for the majority of IP litigation undertaken in the UK today. One of the central objectives of the IPLA is to support the professional development and education of IP Practitioners in the UK. The IPLA cooperated for many years with the University of Bristol's one-year Postgraduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Law and Practice. In 2008 the IPLA began its present collaboration with the University of Oxford. Each course has shared the primary aim of delivering high-quality education of relevance to IP practice through combined practitioner and academic teaching.

Oxford Residential Programme

Week 1 Sunday 6 September to Friday 11 September 2020

SUNDAY 6 September	MONDAY 7 September	TUESDAY 8 September	WEDNESDAY 9 September	THURSDAY 10 September	FRIDAY 11 September
	08.45–10.45 Copyright: Subsistence and Originality	09.00–10.00 Rights in Databases	09.00–10.30 Passing Off and Unfair Competition	09.00–10.45 Trade Marks: Revocation and Invalidity	09.00–10.45 Trade Secrets
	10.45–11.15 Break	10.00–10.45 Designs	10.30–11.00 Break	10.30–11.00 Break	10.45–11.15 Break
	11.15–12.45 Copyright: Ownership, Licensing and Duration, Performing and Moral Rights	10.45–11.15 Break	11.00–12.45 Passing Off and Unfair Competition	11.00–12.45 Trade Marks: Enforcement I	11.15–12.45 International & European Aspects: Overview
	12.45–13.45 Lunch	11.15–12.45 Designs	12.45–13.45 Lunch	12.45–13.45 Lunch	12.45–13.45 Lunch
	13.45–15.30 Copyright: Infringement and Defences	12.45–13.45 Lunch	13.45–15.45 Trade Marks: Registrability	13.45–15.00 Trade Marks: Enforcement	13.45–15.15 International & European Aspects: Private International Law
15.30–16.00 Registration	15.30–16.00 Break	13.45–15.30 Designs	15.45–16.15 Break	15.00–15.30 Break	15.15–15.45 Break
16.00–18.00 Introductory Overview	16.00–17.30 Copyright: Infringement and Defences	15.30–16.00 Break	16.15–17.45 Trade Marks: Registration – Domestic and International	15.30–16.15 Trade Marks: Enforcement II	15.45–17.30 International & European Aspects: Private International Law
18.00–19.00 Registration	17.30 End	16.00–17.30 Designs	17.45 End	16.15–17.15 Trade Marks: Exhaustion	17.30 End
		17.30 End		17.15 End	

Week 2 Monday 14 September to Friday 18 September 2017

MONDAY 14 September	TUESDAY 15 September	WEDNESDAY 16 September	THURSDAY 17 September	FRIDAY 18 September
09.15–10.45 Patents: What are they? What are they for? How do we get one?	09.00–10.45 Patents: Validity	09.15–10.45 Patent Litigation	09.00–10.45 Competition Law and IP	09.00–10.30 Tax & IP
10.45–11.15 Break	10.45–11.15 Break	10.45–11.15 Break	10.45–11.15 Break	10.30–11.00 Break
11.15–12.45 Patents: Construction and Infringement	11.15–12.45 Patents: Validity	11.15–12.45 Patent Litigation	11.15–12.45 Competition Law and IP	11.00–12.45 Litigation: Non Patent
12.45–13.45 Lunch	12.45–13.45 Lunch	12.45–13.45 Lunch	12.45–13.45 Lunch	12.45–13.45 Lunch
13.45–15.15 Patents: Infringement and Relief	13.45–14.45 Patents: Validity	13.45–15.15 Patent Litigation	13.45–15.30 Corporate Transactions	13.45–15.00 Litigation: Non Patent
15.15–15.45 Break	14.45–15.15 Break	15.15–15.45 Break	15.30–16.00 Break	15.00–15.30 Break
15.45–17.15 Patents: Defences	15.15–16.45 SPCs and Healthcare Regulation	15.45–17.15 IP as an Asset	16.00–17.30 Licensing	15.30–17.00 Litigation: Non Patent
17.15 End	16.45 End	17.15 End	17.30 End	17.00 End

This programme may be subject to changes.





Teachers on the Residential Programme

Rachel Alexander, *Wiggin*

Sara Ashby, *Wiggin*

Christopher Benson, *Taylor Wessing*

Robert Burrell, *University of Oxford*

Michael Browne, *Wiggin*

Miranda Cass, *Bristows*

Liz Cohen, *Bristows*

Brian Cordery, *Bristows*

Jeremy Dickerson, *Burges Salmon*

Andrew Dickinson, *University of Oxford*

Dev Gangjee, *University of Oxford*

Michael Gavey, *Simmons & Simmons*

Paul Harris, *Venner Shipley*

Bethan Hopewell, *Powell Gilbert*

Myles Jelf, *Bristows*

John Linneker, *Fieldfisher*

Angus McLean, *Simmons & Simmons*

David Musker, *Queen Mary University of London*

Marjan Noor, *Allen & Overy*

Scott Parker, *Simmons & Simmons*

Aidan Robertson, *Brick Court Chambers*

Catriona Smith, *Wiggin*

Ravi Srinivasan, *J A Kemp*

Pat Treacy, *Bristows*

Sarah Turner, *Simmons & Simmons*

Justin Watts, *WilmerHale*

A selection of workshop tutors

Sara Ashby, *Wiggin* – Designs

Jonathan Ball, *Gowling WLG* – Copyright

Michael Browne, *Wiggin* – Designs

Zoe Butler, *Powell Gilbert* – Patents

Simon Clark, *Bristows* – Copyright

Brian Cordery, *Bristows* – Patents

Michael Gavey, *Simmons & Simmons*
– IP Aspects of Commercial Transactions

Penny Gilbert, *Powell Gilbert* – Patents

Gregor Grant, *Marks & Clerk* – Patents

Myles Jelf, *Bristows* – Patents

John Linneker, *Fieldfisher* – Copyright

Angus McLean, *Simmons & Simmons*
– IP Aspects of Commercial Transactions

Jonathan Moss, *Hogarth Chambers* – Designs

Andrew Norris, *Hogarth Chambers* – Trade Marks

Arty Rajendra, *Osborne Clarke* – Trade Marks

Tom Scourfield, *CMS* – Trade Marks

Alison Slade, *Leicester University*
– Revision Workshops

Catriona Smith, *Wiggin* – Copyright

David Stone, *Allen & Overy* – Designs

Justin Watts, *WilmerHale* – Patents

Alex Wilson, *Powell Gilbert* – Patents

Please note that the list of tutors is subject to change

Timeline 2020–21

Timeline for Postgraduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Law and Practice

12 noon (UK time) 10 July 2020

Deadline for application

By 28 July 2020

Notification of outcome of applications

6 September 2020 – 18 September 2021

Oxford Residential Programme at Merton
College

10 October 2020

Workshop 1: Patents 1

6 November 2020

Deadline for coursework assignment Patents 1

21 November 2020

Workshop 2: Patents 2

18 December 2020

Deadline for coursework assignment Patents 2

16 January 2021

Workshop 3: Trade Marks and Passing Off

12 February 2021

Deadline for coursework assignment Trade
Marks and Passing Off

6 March 2021

Workshop 4: IP Aspects of Commercial
Transactions

13 March 2021

Workshop 5: Copyright

12 April 2021

Deadline for coursework assignment Copyright

24 April 2021

Workshop 6: Designs

21 May 2021

Deadline for coursework assignment Designs

5 June 2021

Workshop 7: Revision 1

12 June 2021

Workshop 8: revision 2

June/July 2021

Exams – two 2-hour exams in July

June/July 2021

End of year drinks



Teaching and accommodation spaces

The residential programme will be held at Merton College, Oxford.

Merton College, the first fully self-governing College in the University, was founded in 1264 by Walter de Merton, sometime Chancellor of England and later Bishop of Rochester. Mob Library, in the College's first Quad, Mob Quad, is the oldest continuously functioning library for university academics and students in the world. The College was originally founded for twenty fellows, with undergraduates being formally admitted in the early 1380s. It was then that John Wylot, a former fellow and subwarden, endowed a number of scholarships known at Merton as postmasterships. Over the centuries, many eminent scholars and cultural leaders have called Merton home. They include four Nobel Prize winners, TS Eliot, JRR Tolkien, the mathematician who solved Fermat's Last Theorem, the physician who discovered the circulation of blood, and the founder of the Bodleian Library.

Today there are approximately 300 undergraduates and 350 graduate students at Merton College. Merton students have a well-earned reputation for academic excellence, with Merton regularly scoring highly on the Norrington Table. As soon as you step through the ancient Lodge Gate, you enter an enclave of learning and contemplation and because the College has continuously evolved to suit the needs of cutting-edge research and education, it is no surprise that its diverse buildings boast modern convenience as well as traditional grandeur suitable for any event.

As students of the Oxford Law Faculty, Diploma candidates will have access to the Law Bodleian Library. Candidates staying in College during the residential programme will also have access to College facilities.

Admissions procedure

Enrolments for the Diploma will be capped at 60. The application deadline is **12 noon (UK time) Friday 10 July 2020**. This is an absolute deadline. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered. To be considered for admission, applicants will need to satisfy the following criteria:

1. Intellectual ability:

A good undergraduate degree (at least 2:1) or equivalent will be required.

2. Professional experience:

It is anticipated that candidates will normally be trainee or newly qualified solicitors or barristers, but other professional qualifications and experience, in particular, admission as a patent or trade mark attorney, will also be considered.

3. English language proficiency:

The programme will be taught in English, as a result of which English language proficiency at the TOEFL standard of 630 points (minimum test of written English score of 5.0) or the IELTS standard of 7.5 points (minimum 7.0 per component) will need to be shown by those for whom English is not a first language.

In order to be considered for the 2020-2021 programme, applications must include the following supporting documents:

1. a transcript or degree certificate which indicates the overall classification/grade of your degree (the Faculty reserves the right to request transcripts from individual applicants);
2. a statement of purpose of up to 500 words (applicants will not be penalised for writing fewer than 500 words) which explains your reasons for applying; your future career intentions and the contribution you expect the Diploma to make to your career development;
3. a curriculum vitae (CV);
4. details of three referees as well as written references from two of them; and
5. original English language test results (if applicable).

Applications should be made via the University's [online application form](#). There is an application fee of £75 per course application. Further details about how to pay this, and other information about filling in the form can be found in the University's [Application Guide](#). Upon submission of your application, you should receive email confirmation from the University's Online Application System. If you do not receive this, please contact the Diploma Administrator.

Please indicate in your statement of purpose whether you would prefer to make your own accommodation arrangements for the residential programme.

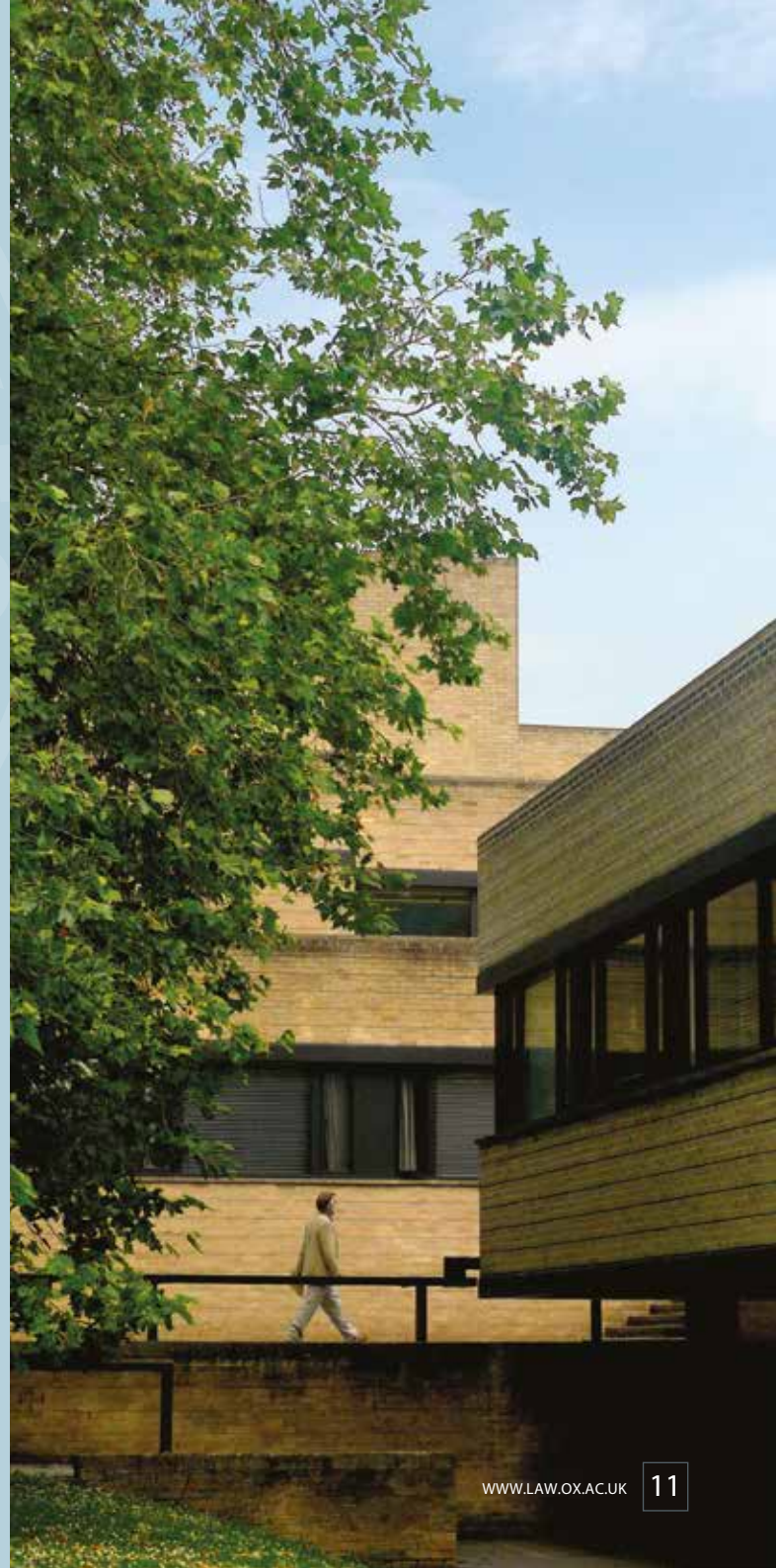


Cost

The Diploma fee is **£8,245** and covers: tuition; course materials; assessment and supervision; lunch and refreshments during the residential programme and a formal College dinner at the start of the residential programme. It does not cover accommodation.

Students are strongly encouraged to stay at Merton College during the residential programme. Successful applicants who do not opt-out of accommodation at the time of applying will have accommodation at Merton arranged for them for the ten nights from Sunday to Thursday of Week 1 and Sunday to Thursday of Week 2 at a cost of £1032 (including breakfast and dinner). Applicants may also request College accommodation for the weekend in between, at an extra charge of £86 per night (bed and breakfast only). Please indicate this in your statement of purpose.

Subject to availability, applications will be considered for attendance at the residential programme only. Residential programme attendees are not examined and do not obtain any University qualification. The price of the residential course alone is **£4,572**. Further information, including the application form, is available at this [website](#).



Disclaimer: the brochure details are correct at the time of going to press, May 2020. Any updates or changes to information can be found on our website www.law.ox.ac.uk.



For further information about the programme, please visit the [IP Diploma website](http://IPDiploma) or contact the Diploma Administrator by email (diploma.administrator@law.ox.ac.uk) or telephone (+44 (0)1865 271 457).

