

OXFORD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW MOOT

Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Dr. Cyril P. Rigamonti

Fall 2019: 10 ECTS, Written Phase

Spring 2020: 5 ECTS, Oral Phase, includes rounds at Oxford University (Invitation Only)

The Oxford International Intellectual Property Law Moot involves teams from law faculties around the world and is focused on a different topic of intellectual property law each year. Students will spend the fall semester authoring written submissions for the competition, improving their writing and research skills in English, conducting in-depth research on the specific intellectual property topics of the moot, and presenting their arguments in class in an on-campus oral round. Each university can submit only one team, consisting of 2-3 students, for consideration for the Oxford written competition, which selects teams for admission to the oral rounds at Oxford. If a larger number of students is interested in participating in the written phase, students can participate and earn credit for the fall course, and then the University of Bern team with the best written submission will be the team whose brief goes on to the selection process at Oxford. Students can sign up individually; teams will be formed during the class. Oxford will issue invitations to attend the oral rounds to the teams ranked in the top 24 of all written submissions worldwide, and if selected by Oxford, the University of Bern team will travel to the competition at Oxford University in March 2020. At Oxford, students will have the opportunity to compete against teams from around the world, being judged by distinguished practitioners and actual judges from the U.K.

Qualifications

Participating students must be enrolled at the University of Bern in the Masters or LL.M. program for both Fall Semester 2019 and Spring Semester 2020 (for LL.M. students, please note that participants are not allowed to have been admitted to the Bar nor licensed to practice in any jurisdiction). Exchange students at the University of Bern are also welcome to participate. The language of the briefs and oral arguments will be English, but of course, other languages are helpful for conducting research. Students should have taken or be taking one of Professor Rigamonti's courses on intellectual property law (or an equivalent course at another university), in order to have some basic familiarity with the field.

Students will receive training on how to conduct intellectual property research using common law resources and databases, will improve their written and spoken legal English by drafting two written briefs and two sets of skeleton arguments, will learn appropriate courtroom protocol for the U.K., and will improve their advocacy and public speaking skills.

Important Dates

Information Session	Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 16:15, Uni-S, Room D-004
May 24, 2019	Sign up via e-mail (see details below)
September 24, 2019	16:15, First class meeting
September – November	Tuesday course meetings, including research training, substantive IP law, and English legal writing training
Third week of November	Deadline for written submissions
December 2019	The best team's written submission will be turned in to Oxford for consideration
Mid-January 2020	Oxford will announce which teams made it through to the oral rounds
February - March 2020	Spring course and preparation for oral rounds (if admitted)
March 2020	If invited by Oxford, the University of Bern team will travel to Oxford to compete

If interested, send an e-mail (in English) explaining your motivation, along with a short CV and grades (Notenblatt) to iplaw@iwr.unibe.ch. Participation is limited, so early application is advised.