UC San Diego Extension’s unique Professional Certificate in Intellectual Property is designed to meet the diverse needs of the legal and scientific community by providing an educational foundation in securing and maintaining patents, copyrights and trademarks. Explore the principles of intellectual property and its importance in safeguarding innovation and creativity.

"After earning my IP credentials, I immediately advanced my career as an IP professional by working side-by-side with patent attorneys and partners in several law firms."

- Kethya (Katcha) Teuk, Legal Practice Manager, Otter Products, LLC

OVERVIEW

Intellectual Property has become one of the most important assets and critical growth factors for many businesses and governments around the world. As technology rapidly changes, ensuring high levels of protection for intellectual property becomes central to the legal framework of an organization. With the help of a highly qualified and prestigious faculty, the comprehensive curriculum addresses essential and timely concepts providing practical application of skills learned.

FAQS

How long will it take me to finish the certificate?
On average most students take one to two years by enrolling in one to two courses per quarter. The total certificate requires a completion of 22 units. Courses are offered online.

How much does the certificate program cost?
Each course costs approximately $450-$550, making the total tuition about $4,000. Textbook costs are additional.

Do I need a legal background?
Having a legal background is not required but would be helpful. Classes are made up of a variety of students with backgrounds in law, science, IT or other corporate experience.

Is the Intellectual Property Certificate ABA-Approved?
No, unlike the Paralegal Certificate Program, the Intellectual Property Certificate is not a type of certificate that would have ABA approval.

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WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS CERTIFICATE?

+ Attorneys, Paralegals, and legal support staff
+ Research scientists
+ Potential law school students preparing for their law degree
+ Professionals interested in becoming patent agents
+ Business professionals who handle their companies’ IP portfolios
+ Professionals who wish to change career emphasis
+ Legal professionals seeking MCLE credit

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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