POL 400 – Intellectual Property Law
TR 2:00-3:20pm, Fall 2010

Did you know that you have an automatic copyright on all your coursework assignments? Do you know just what level of control you have over your writings and material creations? Do you know how to protect your rights or defend against abuse of your rights?

The study of Intellectual Property Law (POL400) involves key business and practical matters surrounding the creation and use of trademarks, trade secrets, patents and copyrights in our modern technological age. We will investigate, for example, just why someone might want to patent an invention, why someone might be better off seeking trade secret protection for that same invention, why software is sometimes a patent issue and sometimes is a copyright issue, why sometimes you can legally and why sometimes you cannot legally share music or videos on/through the web or make copies of CDs/DVDs for family members and friends. And of course, just what it means for you to hold a copyright in your classroom assignments.

Note that this course can be used to satisfy Pre-Law concentration or political science major elective, as well as being an upper division general education elective.

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