

GOVT S-1130. Intellectual Property (CRN: 31596)

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This course examines the concept of intellectual property and the legal and social means that have developed over time to encourage and control it. We will consider copyright, patent and trademark regimes, together with related areas such as licensing and trade secrets. We will pay particular attention to the challenges posed by the digital environment, such as Napster, MP3 technology, and digital databases, and to the emerging international law of intellectual property.