

Modular IP Education Framework (MIPEF)

IP Management

Create – Protect – Innovate: Bringing ideas to market

Autumn and spring term 2026/2027

Format - Self-paced modules, quizzes, live sessions, tutored forums,
final exam

Link - [MIPEF video](#)

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Course calendar

Autumn term

2026

Activity	IP Management
Course registration starts	Mon 21 Sep 2026
Course registration deadline	Wed 14 Oct 2026
Course room opens	Fri 16 Oct 2026
Masterclass 1	Mon 26 Oct 2026 or Wed 28 Oct 2026
Masterclass 2	Mon 09 Nov 2026 or Wed 11 Nov 2026
Masterclass 3	Thu 26 Nov 2026
Masterclass 4	Thus 3 Dec 2026
Final exam published	Mon 14 Dec 2026
Final exam submission deadline	Mon 21 Dec 2026
Grades published	Mon 11 Jan 2027
Course room closes	Sun 31 Jan 2027

Course calendar

Spring term

2027

Activity	IP Management
Course registration starts	Mon 22 Feb 2027
Course registration deadline	Wed 17 Mar 2027
Course room opens	Fri 19 Mar 2027
Masterclass 1	Mon 05 Apr 2027 or Wed 07 Apr 2027
Masterclass 2	Mon 19 Apr 2027 or Wed 21 Apr 2027
Masterclass 3	Thu 29 Apr 2027
Masterclass 4	Thu 13 May 2027
Final exam published	Mon 24 May 2027
Final exam submission deadline	Mon 31 May 2027
Grades published	Mon 14 Jun 2027
Course room closes	Wed 30 Jun 2027

Description

The IP Management course developed by the European Patent Office is aimed at MBA and business-related students who want to know more about intellectual property rights (IPRs), particularly when it comes to management of IP and commercialisation of inventions. The course consists of self-paced modules and quizzes, and a carefully selected set of case studies, accompanied with live sessions, tutored forums and a final exam.

Why join?

This course equips you with essential IP knowledge and skills that are increasingly relevant in today's innovation-driven world, offering you a high-quality and practice-oriented content.

What you will gain

- How to use IP to protect innovation, attract funding, and support business growth.
- Learn how to commercialise IP.
- Insights from real inventors and innovation journey (through inspiring case studies).
- Build IP skills that can shape your career or research profile.
- Get an EPO certificate and academic recognition.

How you will learn

- Self-paced learning – study anytime, anywhere.
- Real inventor stories and patent journeys.
- A suggested learning plan to guide you.
- Test your knowledge with exercises and quizzes.
- Join live sessions and tutored forums with IP experts

Five core modules

At the heart of the course

MODULE 1

Introduction to IP

An overview of IPRs, designed as a first introduction to the field.

15 hrs

MODULE 2

Patent essentials

What a patent is and the conditions that must be met to obtain one.

20 hrs

MODULE 3

Developing an IP strategy

How ideas can be commercially exploited through an effective IP strategy.

15 hrs

MODULE 4

IP commercialisation and use of IPRs

IP value extraction and licensing options.

10 hrs

MODULE 5

Strategic IP management

A guide on how to use IP to protect, fund, and scale innovation.

15 hrs

FAQ

How do I register?

Register using your full name, surname(s), and university email address.

What happens after I register?

You should receive a confirmation email. If it does not arrive, contact academy@epo.org. Then create an EPO account on the European Patent Academy learning platform using the same email address.

Do I need to attend the masterclasses?

No. Masterclasses are **optional** live sessions that support your learning. However, they are **not recorded**.

What do I need to know about the exam?

The exam is open-book and covers the course content. To take it, you must complete all five modules and score at least 80/100 in each end-of-module quiz. The performance in the end-of-module quiz does not influence the final grade.

Will I receive a certificate?

Yes. If you pass with at least 70/100, you will receive an EPO certificate. Download it before the course closes (usually a month after the grades are published).

Can I receive ECTS?

Some universities may award ECTS for successful completion. The EPO shares results, but each university makes the final decision.

Who can I contact?

General enquiries: mipef@epo.org

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