

Modular IP Education Framework (MIPEF)

## **Course II Advanced level: Create – Protect – Innovate: Bringing ideas to market**

**Autumn and spring term 2026/2027**

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

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Link - [MIPEF video](#)

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Course calendar

Autumn term

2026

| Activity                       | Advanced level  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Course registration starts     | Mon 21 Sep 2026 |
| Course registration deadline   | Wed 14 Oct 2026 |
| Course room opens              | Fri 16 Oct 2026 |
| Masterclass 1                  | Tue 27 Oct 2026 |
| Masterclass 2                  | Tue 10 Nov 2026 |
| Masterclass 3                  | Tue 24 Nov 2026 |
| Masterclass 4                  | Tue 01 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                       | Advanced level  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Course registration starts     | Mon 22 Feb 2027 |
| Course registration deadline   | Wed 17 Mar 2027 |
| Course room opens              | Fri 19 Mar 2027 |
| Masterclass 1                  | Tue 06 Apr 2027 |
| Masterclass 2                  | Tue 20 Apr 2027 |
| Masterclass 3                  | Tue 27 Apr 2027 |
| Masterclass 4                  | Tue 11 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 advanced-level course “Create – Protect – Innovate: Bringing ideas to market”, developed by the European Patent Office, is aimed at master’s and PhD students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). It builds practical understanding of how patents are granted, enforced and used to support technology transfer, IP commercialisation and innovation strategy.

The course explores patentability requirements, patent enforcement, technology scouting, commercialisation and the practical use of IPRs through examples drawn from innovation practice.

### Why join?

Gain practical IP knowledge for innovation, technology transfer and commercialisation.

### What you will gain

- Advanced IP knowledge for innovation.
- Skills in patent protection and enforcement.
- Insight into technology transfer and commercialisation.
- Practical understanding of IPR use.
- An EPO certificate and possible 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

20 hrs

##### Grant of Patents

Special focus on the following requirements:  
the grant procedure, patentability requirements,  
and amendments.

#### MODULE 2

15 hrs

##### Enforcement of Patents

How patent rights can be reinforced in order to  
protect the patented invention and other routes  
of dispute solution.

#### MODULE 3

10 hrs

##### Scouting and Assessment of Technolog

Explores the market and basics of technology  
transfer.

#### MODULE 4

20 hrs

##### IP Commercialisation

IP value extraction and licensing options.

#### MODULE 5

10 hrs

##### Use of IPRs

Real-life case studies across a variety of  
technical fields.

## 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](mailto: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. 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 credits?

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

### Who can I contact?

General enquiries: [mipef@epo.org](mailto:mipef@epo.org)

Technical support and registration help:  
[academy@epo.org](mailto:academy@epo.org)