**LAW 4116 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW I**

**Course Description**

The course covers the background to protection of intellectual property. It covers the domestic and international regime for protection of intellectual property rights.

**Course Content**

Requirements for existence of various rights in intellectual property.

General: Origins of Intellectual property; definition and justification of intellectual property; past and economic importance; relevant conventions; requirements for patent protection; priority rights; infringement and revocation; defences; remedies; the application process and required documents; computer technology and intellectual property. Torts and protection of rights in intellectual property. Confidentiality and trade secrets, character merchandising and franchising. The areas covered are trademarks, copy rights.

**Course Objectives**

* 1. To aid the students to appreciate the broader concepts of intellectual property.
	2. To appreciate the antecedents of the various aspects of intellectual property namely trademarks, patents, copyrights, passing off and the law of confidence.
	3. To understand how each individual right is created, the enforcement mechanisms and how the collective remedies apply to each right.

**Learning Outcomes**

At the end of the course the student should be able to;

* + - 1. Articulate different concepts of intellectual rights.
			2. To adopt measures to protect various intellectual rights.
			3. To sue for violation of intellectual rights.
			4. To defend alleged violations of rights.

**Methods of Instruction**

1. At the commencement of the course, students are availed with reading lists, which indicate the topics to be covered, and the respective reading materials for the respective topics. It is expected that the student uses this list in preparation for each lecture.
2. The students are introduced to each topic and guided on the principles therein. Thereafter, students will be given problem questions for discussion in class. Students are further encouraged to also formulate their problems for discussion during the lectures.

**Assessment**

1. A coursework will be administered during the coursework week to be marked out of 30 marks.
2. An examination will be given at the end of the semester to be marked out of 70 marks.