

STUDENT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY POLICY

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Intellectual Property Policy (“the **Policy**”) defines the rights and responsibilities of University of Law students (“**Students**”) in respect of intellectual property they may create and/or use in the course of their studies through the University of Law (“**ULaw**”).
- 1.2 As a general principle, ULaw recognises that Students should own the intellectual property rights in any work that they produce as part of their course of study (subject to the exceptions set out in clause 6.1 of this Policy).
- 1.3 This Policy applies to all enrolled students at ULaw and has effect from March 2021 until its next revision by ULaw.
- 1.4 This policy forms part of the student contract between ULaw and its Students.
- 1.5 Nothing contained in this Policy will limit any statutory or common law right of ULaw or its Students in relation to intellectual property.

2 What is Intellectual Property?

- 2.1 Intellectual property is a general term covering a number of rights that are likely to arise in the course of ULaw providing, and Students participating in, a ULaw learning and/or further development programme.
- 2.2 For the purpose of this policy, “**Intellectual Property Rights**” include patents, copyright, design right, registered designs, trade marks and service marks, and all similar property rights (whether registered or not) including (but not limited to) those subsisting in any part of the world, in inventions, designs, drawings, performances, computer programs, confidential information, business names, goodwill and the style of presentation of goods or services and in applications for protection of the same.
- 2.3 In particular, Students need to be aware of the implications of copyright law, which seeks to protect the original work of an author (or authors) from unlawful copying. Copyright may restrict what a Student can do with ULaw’s (or any other person’s) work or materials. Students may face legal issues for infringing someone’s copyright.
- 2.4 However, copyright may also protect a Student’s own works produced whilst studying with ULaw.

3 Course Materials

- 3.1 The Intellectual Property Rights in any learning, teaching and/or course materials provided by ULaw to a Student at any time will be owned by ULaw.

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Such materials include (without limitation) all books, work books, manuals, course outlines, reading lists, lecture notes, presentations, handouts, assessments, examination papers, digital content, distance learning and virtual learning materials (“**Course Materials**”). This list is not exhaustive.

3.2 Except as provided for in paragraph 3.3, Students may not, in any medium and by any means, use, copy, reproduce or otherwise transmit all or any part of the Course Materials.

3.3 Students may use the Course Materials for their own, non-commercial private study and such use shall include the right to make a single copy or reproduction of the Course Materials for their own personal use provided that the Course Materials (and any copies or reproductions) are not shared with any other person or otherwise made available for wider dissemination and subject always to the ULaw library copyright guidelines.

4 Recording Lectures

4.1 Students are not permitted to make recordings of lectures (unless authorised through an individual learner agreement) or events run by ULaw on ULaw premises. Recordings of lectures and events may be made available to Students through ULaw and Students must not share or distribute these recordings to any other persons or organisations through any means.

4.2 Students must not make any recordings at any events not run by ULaw without first obtaining approval from the relevant organiser.

5 ULaw Logos and Trade Marks

5.1 Unless expressly permitted by ULaw, Students shall not use ULaw’s name, logos or any of its trade marks, including (without limitation) in any social media posting or in a profile on any social media.

6 Student Works

6.1 Where a Student generates any Intellectual Property Rights as part of their learning and/or further development programme undertaken with ULaw or original work submitted to ULaw, they will have sole ownership of these Intellectual Property Rights unless:

- (a) the Student generates the Intellectual Property Rights jointly with ULaw or its staff;
- (b) the Intellectual Property Rights build upon existing Intellectual Property Rights owned by ULaw or its staff;
- (c) the Student is required to hand over ownership of any such Intellectual Property Rights he/she generates as a condition of any funding,

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sponsorship, or placement where the host or sponsor or other third party requires ownership of such rights; or

- (d) the Student is an apprentice and the ownership of the Intellectual Property Rights is governed by the Apprentice's direct apprenticeship contract with their Employer,

in which case, ULaw or (in the case of (c) and (d)) the relevant third party, will be the sole owners of such Intellectual Property Rights.

- 6.2 For the avoidance of doubt, Students do not own the Intellectual Property Rights in ULaw course assessment papers.
- 6.3 Where a Student is to be the owner of the Intellectual Property Rights, the Student grants to ULaw a royalty-free, irrevocable non-exclusive licence to allow ULaw to fulfil its obligations to the Student, including without limitation, in relation to the supervision and assessment of the Student's work.
- 6.4 Where a Student contributes any content to ULaw Course Materials, they will be taken to agree to transfer their Intellectual Property Rights in such contribution to ULaw unless otherwise agreed in writing between ULaw and the Student.
- 6.5 Where a Student is also a member of staff of ULaw, the provisions of the ULaw contract of employment shall apply to any Intellectual Property Rights arising in the course of that employment.
- 6.6 In accordance with the laws of England and Wales (and in common with other Universities) ULaw will own all Intellectual Property Rights generated by staff in the course of their employment. ULaw will not assert ownership of Intellectual Property Rights in the following works:
 - (a) Materials produced by members of staff for their own personal use and reference, including as a personal aid to teaching; and
 - (b) Material created wholly outside the course of employment where such materials are wholly unconnected to the staff member's employment.

7 Policy Queries

Any Students who have queries on the content or application of this Policy should contact Academic Registry (academic.registry@law.ac.uk) to discuss this further.

For any specific queries regarding the ownership of Intellectual Property Rights in work created by a member of staff in their capacity as a student,

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please contact HR to discuss further.

Version history

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