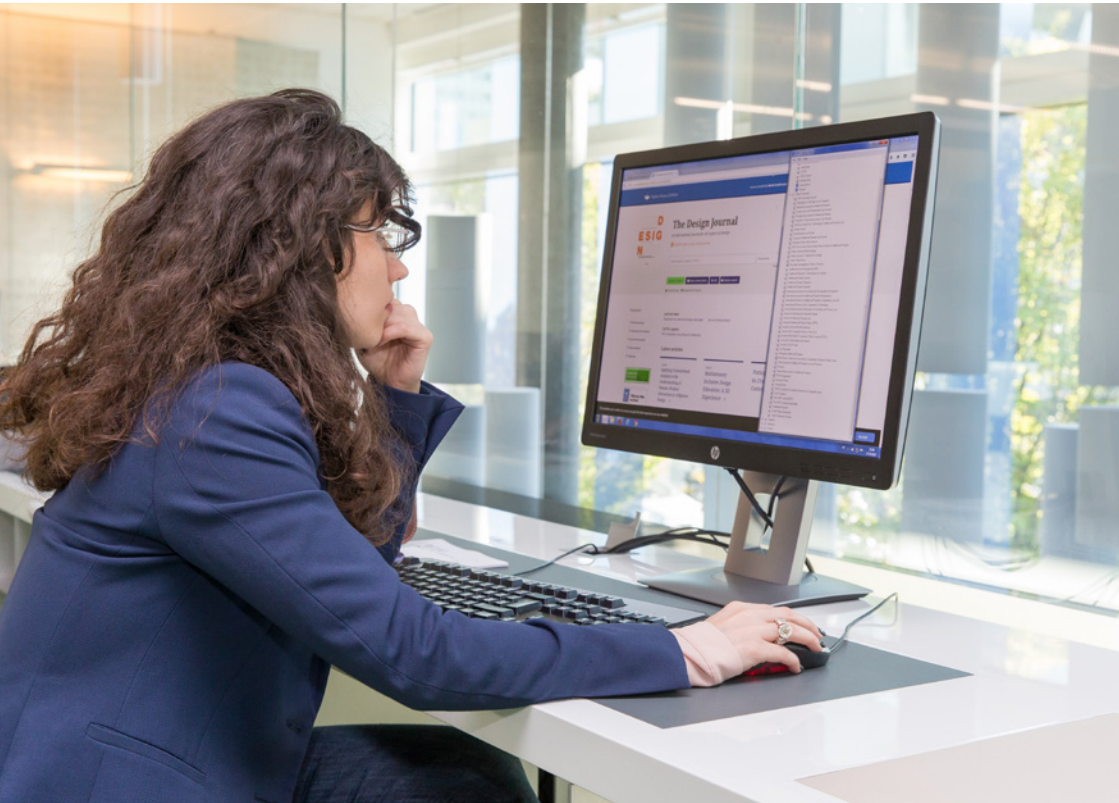


Distance Learning Program



The Distance Learning Program provides worldwide access to online courses in all fields of intellectual property (IP).

The courses are taught in over seven languages by a global network of renowned IP experts and are increasingly offered in an accessible format for the visually impaired.

Topics covered

The courses offered through distance learning (DL) include general courses and tutor-led advanced courses. The general courses provide an overview of the fundamentals of IP through the Primer (DL-001) and the General Course (DL-101). Other general courses have a more specific focus such as the Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (DL-101-PCT), and IP Panorama (DL-IP PANORAMA), which focuses on IP from the perspective of small and medium-sized enterprises.

The tutor-led advanced courses cover a range of topics including:

- Copyright and related rights (DL-201)
- Traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions (DL-203)
- UPOV system of plant variety protection (DL-205-UPOV)
- Patents (DL-301)
- Trademarks, industrial designs and geographical indications (DL-302)
- Introduction to the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks (DL-303)
- Examination of applications for plant breeders' rights (DL-305-UPOV)
- Arbitration and mediation procedure under the WIPO rules (DL-317)
- Patent information search (DL-318)
- Basics of patent drafting (DL-320)
- IP management (DL-450)
- Collective management of copyright and related rights for legal practitioners (DL-501), rights holders (DL-502), collective management

organizations (DL-503) and policy makers (DL-506)

- Software licensing including open source (DL-511)
- Promoting access to medical technologies and innovation (DL-701)

Course participants are evaluated through a final examination, which may be a written essay or multiple-choice questions, and upon the receipt of a passing grade are awarded a certificate of completion.

Learning outcomes

Each DL course sets out to educate and reinforce specific knowledge and skill-sets through well-defined learning outcomes. The final exam is based on these learning outcomes, testing the skills and knowledge acquired.

Participant profile

- Students
- Teachers
- Young professionals
- Government officials
- Judges
- Lawyers
- Business owners
- Researchers
- Scientists and engineers

Application and fees

If you are interested in applying to the Academy's DL courses, you can find information on the registration process online at welc.wipo.int

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