

PATENT PRACTICE, MA

Degree: Master of Arts (MA)
Field of Study: Patent Practice

Electives	9
Total Credit Hours	30

More details of the program may be found on the program website.

Dual Degree Options

- Biochemistry, MS/Patent Practice, MA

Program Overview

The Master of Arts in Patent Practice program is designed to prepare students for careers as patent agents. Students must be eligible to sit for the patent bar exam, which requires an undergraduate degree in engineering, computer science, or a physical or biological degree. This degree is a viable alternative for students who want to pursue a career in patent practice without having to take the full three-year JD. Merit scholarships are available.

High Demand for Patent Agents

This program is the first of its kind in Ohio, and one of only a handful in the nation. The demand for patent agents is growing. According to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO), there are about 11,000 registered patent agents. Because of the greater scientific expertise and the ability to prepare, file and prosecute patent applications, patent agents are in demand at many law firms and corporate legal departments.

A patent agent is one who has passed the USPTO patent bar and is registered to file patent applications with the USPTO. Patent agents can work for law firms, practice as solo practitioners or work in the legal department of a company. They are also eligible to work as patent examiners at the USPTO. Many inventions are based on science, which is why patent agents possess a background in science or engineering before taking the patent bar.

Patent Bar Eligibility Requirements

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Required Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
LAWS 4300		3
LAWS 4302	Patent Law	3
LAWS 4315	Patent Agent Lab	3
LAWS 4820	Patent Bar Review	4
LAWS 5341	Commercialization and Intellectual Property Management	3
LAWS 4311	Patent Preparation and Prosecution I	3
LAWS 4312	Patent Preparation and Prosecution II	2