Title: Special Topics - **Intellectual Property and the Patent Process**
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**Course Objectives**
At the completion of this course the student will have knowledge of the types of Intellectual Property. The student will understand how Intellectual Property protections can impact scientific and engineering pursuits. The student will have an overview of the Patent prosecution process. If desired, student will have an informed base to begin study towards Professional Registration to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Other types of business contracts and agreements will be covered including non-disclosure agreements,

**Course Outline**
Overview of Intellectual Property
The United States Legal System
Copyright
Trademark and Trade Secret
Patents
Patent eligibility
Novelty
Nonobviousness  Test 1 (covers thru Novelty)
Claims (project 1)
Overcoming rejections (project 2)
Patent litigation  Test 2 (covers Nonobviousness thru Patent Litigation)
Inventorship
Employment and IP issues
Double patenting, Festo, Patent term duration, accelerated patent examination
Business agreements (Non-disclosure, License, Employment)

**FINAL EXAM**
No Textbook required, class notes will be distributed covering all required topics.

Grading:
**Homework assignments (20% total)**
**Two Projects (10% each):** There will be two projects started in-class and completed by next class period. Students may collaborate on projects, but must report such collaboration on the Project document.
Two Tests (15% each): There will be two in-class exams. The tests are not cumulative. The tests are open book and open notes.

Final Exam (30%): There will be a two hour final exam. The final exam is cumulative. The exam is open book and open notes.