

SP09 Course Announcement:



Intellectual Property, Engineering Ethics & Nanotechnology Research & Development

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ENT3970: Enterprise Special Topics (1 credit)

In modern technological societies, the professional engineer can encounter difficult work scenarios in which her or his professional responsibilities and legal obligations are not easily ascertained and satisfied. The intensely competitive nature of contemporary business arenas, the rapidly evolving technological and scientific fields on which their work is based and the occasionally arcane legal and contractual constraints under which they labor can all contribute to the difficulty. In the context of nanotechnology R&D, this class will address such potential problems by two means. First, students will be provided with an overview of domestic patent law, trademark law, and professional engineering codes of conduct; second, through hypothetical scenarios, students will explore how their duties to employees, to employers, to clients and to society at large can become difficult to negotiate in the context of working as a professional engineer.

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