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## Introduction to Patent Law

Scientists and engineers are now more likely than ever to face intellectual property issues during their careers. One area of intellectual property frequently encountered is patent law. This seminar will provide a brief introduction to the major types of intellectual property in the United States, followed by an in-depth examination of patent law. The patent-specific component of this lecture will cover what a patent is, the parts of a patent, the patent acquisition process, and patent enforcement. Lastly, the presentation will touch on career options for engineers in intellectual property law.



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