

| <u>Section</u> | <u>Section Title</u> | <u>Learning Objectives</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Section 1/2 | <p>Introduction and Python Basics</p> <p>Digital Signatures</p> | <p>Sec 1: Python basics: lists, dicts, tuples, functions, loops, if statements, and modules, classes, inheritance, catching errors w/ Try & Except, Where's the blockchain?</p> <p>Sec 2: asymmetric encryption, digital signatures, signatures for crypto, test-driven development, installing modules w/ pip, sign and verify</p> <p>Assignment: Sign and Verify Quiz 1: Digital Signatures</p> | March 13 – 19 |
| Section 3/4 | <p>Block Chain</p> <p>Transactions</p> | <p>Sec 3: Hash function, cryptographic hashing, computing hash functions w/ python, block chains, blockchains for general data</p> <p>Assignment: Blockchain for general data Quiz 2: Cryptographic Hashing</p> <p>Sec 4: Transactions, multiple output addresses, multi-signature transactions, transaction classes</p> <p>Assignment 1: Transaction Class Quiz 3: Transactions</p> | March 20 – 26 |
| Section 5/6 | <p>Blockchain-based transaction ledger</p> <p>Mining and Proof-of-Work</p> | <p>Sec 5: Securing a public transactions ledger, review of previous work, save and restore the, the TxBlock class</p> <p>Assignment 1: Save and Restore w/ Pickle Assignment 2: TxBlock Class</p> <p>Sec 6: Decentralization, the dark side of decentralization, proof-of-work, nonces, mining rewards, nonce requirement, other python tips and tricks</p> <p>Assignment 1: Mining rewards Assignment 2: Nonce requirement Quiz 4: Proof-of-Work Quiz</p> | March 27 – April 2 |
| Section 7/8 | <p>Communicating with Peers</p> <p>Multi-threading</p> | <p>Sec 7: Dragons, internet basics, client and server, building a server, building a client, non-blocking server, client-server code along, pickling data for communication, finishing up client server, miner and wallet, building a socket communication utility, placing a new block,</p> <p>Assignment: Build a Miner</p> <p>Sec 8: Basic threading, coding and best practices, save and restore blocks and transactions</p> | April 3 – 9 |

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| | | Assignment 1: Test Miner Using Threads Assignment 2: Wallet Client and Server Assignment 3: Saving and Restoring Keys | |
| Section 9 | Additional Security Concerns | Sec 9: Potpourri, approaches to replay attacks, hardness and emission rate, <u>crypto coin economics</u> : supply-side and demand-side, Assignment 1: Load and Save States Assignment 2: Limit Block Size Assignment 3: Checking Account Balances Assignment 4: Blockchain Branching Assignment 5: Replay Attacks Assignment 6: Multiple Miners Quiz 5: Hardness Quiz Assignment 1: Final Code Base | April 10 - 16 |
| Section 10 | Final Exam | <p>Explain the below consensus algorithms in at least a couple of paragraphs. If there are some famous blockchains/cryptocurrencies that use these methods, please mention them (e.g. bitcoin uses proof of work). There might be some degrees of similarities between them, if you could, mention them, too.</p> <p>proof of work, proof of stacking, Delegated Proof of Stake, proof of transfer, Proof of Elapsed Time (PoET), Proof of Burn, Proof of History (PoH), Proof of Capacity, Proof of Identity, Proof of Authority, Proof of Activity</p> | April 17 - 23 |