- Unit 1 covers the following
 - Introduction to Distributed Systems
 - Motivation to Parallel Systems
 - Primitives for Distributed Communication
 - Synchronous versus asynchronous executions
 - Design issues and challenges
 - Model of distributed computations.
 - Physical Clock Synchronization
 - Logical Clock
 - Vector Clock
 - Cuts
 - Global State

- Unit 2 covers the following
 - Introdcution to Message Ordering.
- Asynchronous execution with synchronous communication
- Synchronous program order on an asynchronous system
- Group Communication
 - FIFO
 - Non FIFO
 - Causal Order
 - Total Order
- Global state and snapshot recording algorithms.
- Snapshot algorithms for FIFO channels.

- Unit 3 covers the following
 - Distributed mutual exclusion algorithms
 - Lamport's algorithm
 - Ricart-Agrawala algorithm
 - Maekawa's algorithm.
 - Suzuki–Kasami's broadcast algorithm
 - Deadlock detection in distributed systems
 - Knapp's classification
 - Algorithms for the single resource model
 - Algorithms for AND model and the OR model

- Unit 4 covers the following
 - Introduction to Checkpointing and rollback recovery.
 - Issues in failure recovery
 - Checkpoint-based recovery
 - Log-based rollback recovery
 - Coordinated checkpointing algorithm
 - Algorithm for asynchronous checkpointing and recovery
 - Consensus and agreement algorithms
 - Agreement in a failure –free system
 - Agreement in synchronous systems with failures

- Unit 5 covers the following
 - Peer-to-peer computing and overlay graphs.
 - Data indexing and overlays.
 - Chord
 - Content addressable networks
 - Tapestry
 - Distributed shared memory
 - Abstraction and advantages
 - Memory consistency models
 - Shared memory Mutual Exclusion