

Course Code:	Course Title	Credit
CSDC7022	Blockchain	3

Prerequisite: Cryptography and System Security	
Course Objectives:	
1	Understand blockchain platforms and its terminologies.
2	Understand the use of cryptography required for blockchain.
3	Understand smart contracts, wallets, and consensus protocols.
4	Design and develop blockchain applications
Course Outcomes:	
1	Explain blockchain concepts.
2	Apply cryptographic hash required for blockchain.
3	Apply the concepts of smart contracts for an application.
4	Design a public blockchain using Ethereum.
5	Design a private blockchain using Hyperledger.
6	Use different types of tools for blockchain applications.

Module		Content	Hrs
1		Introduction to Blockchain	6
	1.1	What is a blockchain, Origin of blockchain (cryptographically secure hash functions), Foundation of blockchain: Merkle trees	
	1.2	Components of blockchain, Block in blockchain, Types: Public, Private, and Consortium, Consensus Protocol, Limitations and Challenges of blockchain	
2		Cryptocurrency	6
	2.1	Cryptocurrency: Bitcoin, Altcoin, and Tokens (Utility and Security), Cryptocurrency wallets: Hot and cold wallets, Cryptocurrency usage, Transactions in Blockchain, UTXO and double spending problem	
	2.2	Bitcoin blockchain: Consensus in Bitcoin, Proof-of-Work (PoW), Proof-of-Burn (PoB), Proof-of-Stake (PoS), and Proof-of-Elapsed Time (PoET), Life of a miner, Mining difficulty, Mining pool and its methods	
3		Programming for Blockchain	8
	3.1	Introduction to Smart Contracts, Types of Smart Contracts, Structure of a Smart Contract, Smart Contract Approaches, Limitations of Smart Contracts	
	3.2	Introduction to Programming: Solidity Programming – Basics, functions, Visibility and Activity Qualifiers, Address and Address Payable, Bytes and Enums, Arrays-Fixed and Dynamic Arrays, Special Arrays-Bytes and strings, Struct, Mapping, Inheritance, Error handling	
	3.3	Case Study – Voting Contract App, Preparing for smart contract development	

4		Public Blockchain	8
		Introduction to Public Blockchain, Ethereum and its Components, Mining in Ethereum, Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM), Transaction, Accounts, Architecture and Workflow, Comparison between Bitcoin and Ethereum	
		Types of test-networks used in Ethereum, Transferring Ethers using Metamask, Mist Wallet, Ethereum frameworks, Case study of Ganache for Ethereum blockchain. Exploring etherscan.io and ether block structure	
5		Private Blockchain	8
	5.1	Introduction, Key characteristics, Need of Private Blockchain, Smart Contract in a Private Environment, State Machine Replication, Consensus Algorithms for Private Blockchain - PAXOS and RAFT, Byzantine Faults: Byzantine Fault Tolerant (BFT) and Practical BFT	
	5.2	Introduction to Hyperledger, Tools and Frameworks, Hyperledger Fabric, Comparison between Hyperledger Fabric & Other Technologies	
	5.3	Hyperledger Fabric Architecture, Components of Hyperledger Fabric: MSP, Chain Codes, Transaction Flow, Working of Hyperledger Fabric, Creating Hyperledger Network, Case Study of Supply Chain Management using Hyperledger	
6		Tools and Applications of Blockchain	3
		Corda, Ripple, Quorum and other Emerging Blockchain Platforms, Blockchain in DeFi: Case Study on any of the Blockchain Platforms.	

Textbooks:	
1	Blockchain Technology, Chandramouli Subramanian, Asha A. George, Abhillash K. A and Meena Karthikeyen, Universities Press.
2	Mastering Ethereum, Building Smart Contract and Dapps, Andreas M. Antonopoulos Dr. Gavin Wood, O'reilly.
3	Imran Bashir, Mastering Blockchain: A deep dive into distributed ledgers, consensus protocols, smart contracts, DApps, cryptocurrencies, Ethereum, and more, 3rd Edition, Packt Publishing
References:	
1	Blockchain for Beginners, Yathish R and Tejaswini N, SPD
2	Blockchain Basics, A non Technical Introduction in 25 Steps, Daniel Drescher, Apress.
3	Blockchain with Hyperledger Fabric, Luc Desrosiers, Nitin Gaur, Salman A. Baset, Venkatraman Ramakrishna, Packt Publishing

<u>Assessment:</u>
Internal Assessment:
Assessment consists of two class tests of 20 marks each. The first class test is to be conducted when approx. 40% syllabus is completed and second class test when additional 40% syllabus is completed. Duration of each test shall be one hour.

End Semester Theory Examination:	
1	Question paper will comprise a total of six questions.
2	All question carries equal marks
3	Questions will be mixed in nature (for example supposed Q.2 has part (a) from module 3 then part (b) will be from any module other than module 3)
4	Only Four question need to be solved.
5	In question paper weightage of each module will be proportional to the number of respective lecture hours as mention in the syllabus.

Digital Useful Links	
1	Blockchain By Example, Bellaj Badr, Richard Horrocks, Xun (Brian) Wu, November 2018, Implement decentralized blockchain applications to build scalable Dapps.
2	Blockchain for Business, https://www.ibm.com/downloads/cas/3EGWKGX7 .
3	https://www.hyperledger.org/use/fabric
4	NPTEL: https://onlinecourses.nptel.ac.in/noc19_cs63/preview

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