

SEMESTER S7

BLOCKCHAIN AND CRYPTOCURRENCIES

Course Code	PECST747	CIE Marks	40
Teaching Hours/Week (L: T:P: R)	3:0:0:0	ESE Marks	60
Credits	3	Exam Hours	2 Hrs. 30 Min.
Prerequisites (if any)	PBCST604	Course Type	Theory

Course Objectives:

1. To provide a comprehensive understanding of blockchain architecture, elements, types (public, private, consortium), and industry applications.
2. To help the learners to assess strengths and weaknesses of various blockchain consensus mechanisms (e.g., Proof of Work, Proof of Stake, Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance).
3. To enable learners to use blockchain real-world applications in government, healthcare, finance, and supply chain management, identifying implementation opportunities and challenges.

SYLLABUS

Module No.	Syllabus Description	Contact Hours
1	Blockchain Fundamentals Introduction, Blockchain Definition, Deciphering the Blockchain, Features and challenges of Blockchain, Applications in Blockchain, Decentralisation, Distributed Ledger Technology, Blockchain variants.	7
2	Cryptography in Blockchain and Consensus Mechanisms Concept of Hashing, Creating a Transaction Hash, Merkle Trees - Importance of Merkle tree, Chaining of Blocks, Building the Network, Accessing the network, Types of Wallets. Need for Consensus, Two Generals' Problem, Byzantine Generals' Problem, Byzantine Fault Tolerance (BFT), Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance (PBFT)- working, Paxos and Raft Algorithms.	9
3	Cryptocurrencies - Bitcoin and Ethereum Bitcoin: Components, Nodes in Bitcoin network, Transactions and memory	10

	pools, Proof of Work-Mining Cryptocurrencies, Hard and Soft Forks, Tracking Bitcoins-Unspent Transaction Outputs. Ethereum: Transition from Bitcoin to Ethereum, Concept of Ethereum World Computer, Ethereum Virtual Machine, Ethereum Network, Transition from PoW to PoS- Working of PoS, Smart Contracts in Ethereum, Decentralised Applications in Ethereum, Tools used in Ethereum.	
4	Blockchain Ethereum Platform using Solidity and Use Cases in Blockchain :- Solidity Language - Remix IDE, Structure of a Smart Contract Program, Modifiers, Events, Functions, Inheritance, External Libraries, Error Handling. Permissioned Blockchains, Introduction to Hyperledger Foundation, Hyperledger Distributed Ledger frameworks, Hyperledger Fabric. Use Cases in Blockchain - Finance, Education, Government, Healthcare and Supply Chain Management.	10

Course Assessment Method
(CIE: 40 marks, ESE: 60 marks)

Continuous Internal Evaluation Marks (CIE):

Attendance	Assignment/ Microproject	Internal Examination-1 (Written)	Internal Examination- 2 (Written)	Total
5	15	10	10	40

End Semester Examination Marks (ESE)

In Part A, all questions need to be answered and in Part B, each student can choose any one full question out of two questions

Part A	Part B	Total
2 Questions from each module. - Total of 8 Questions, each carrying 3 marks (8x3 =24 marks)	- Each question carries 9 marks. - Two questions will be given from each module, out of which 1 question should be answered. - Each question can have a maximum of 3 subdivisions. (4x9 = 36 marks)	60

Course Outcomes (COs)

At the end of the course students should be able to:

Course Outcome		Bloom's Knowledge Level (KL)
CO1	Explain the fundamental concepts of Blockchain technology.	K2
CO2	Illustrate the cryptographic building blocks of Blockchain technology and understand the consensus mechanisms.	K2
CO3	Explain the concepts of cryptocurrency bitcoin, mining processes, and wallet management.	K2
CO4	Use the concepts of Ethereum platform and understand the use cases of blockchain technology	K3
CO5	Develop skills in designing and deploying simple applications using Solidity language.	K3

Note: K1- Remember, K2- Understand, K3- Apply, K4- Analyse, K5- Evaluate, K6- Create

CO-PO Mapping Table (Mapping of Course Outcomes to Program Outcomes)

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10	PO11	PO12
CO1	3	3	3									2
CO2	3	3	3									2
CO3	3	3	3									2
CO4	3	3	3		3							2
CO5	3	3	3	3	3							2

Note: 1: Slight (Low), 2: Moderate (Medium), 3: Substantial (High), -: No Correlation

Text Books				
Sl. No	Title of the Book	Name of the Author/s	Name of the Publisher	Edition and Year
1	Blockchain Technology: Algorithms and Applications	Asharaf S, Sivadas Neelima, Adarsh S, Franklin John	Wiley	1/e, 2023
2	Blockchain Technology	Chandramauoli Subrahmaniyan, Asha A George	Universities Press.	1/e, 2020

Reference Books				
Sl. No	Title of the Book	Name of the Author/s	Name of the Publisher	Edition and Year
1	Blockchain Technology - Concepts and Applications.	Kumar Saurabh, Ashutosh Saxena	Wiley	1/e, 2020
2	Mastering Blockchain	Imran Bashir	Packt Publishing	1/e, 2020
3	Solidity programming Essentials: A beginner's guide to build smart contracts for Ethereum and blockchain	Ritesh Modi	Packt Publishing	1/e, 2018.

Video Links (NPTEL, SWAYAM...)	
Module No.	Link ID
1	https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLrKK422S1aMma8lDA2JJjEUUpC2ycuApuC&si=1OXYDEZ4A5M8M4Q
2	https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHRLZtgrF2jl8yqucJsMFqh5XpRLTgCI4
3	https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6gx4Cwl9DGBrtymuJUiv9Lq5CAYpN8Gl
4	https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWUCKsxdKl0oksYr6lG_wRsaSUySQC0ck