

SYLLABUS

1. Information regarding the programme

1.1 Higher education institution	Babes-Bolyai University
1.2 Faculty	Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science
1.3 Department	Department of Computer Science
1.4 Field of study	Computer Science
1.5 Study cycle	Bachelor
1.6 Study programme / Qualification	Computer Science

2. Information regarding the discipline

2.1 Name of the discipline		Blockchain: Smart Contracts					
2.2 Course coordinator		Assoc. Prof. Ing. Florin Craciun					
2.3 Seminar coordinator		Assoc. Prof. Ing. Florin Craciun					
2.4. Year of study	3	2.5 Semester	6	2.6. Type of evaluation	C	2.7 Type of discipline	Optional

3. Total estimated time (hours/semester of didactic activities)

3.1 Hours per week	3	Of which: 3.2 course	2	3.3 seminar/laboratory	1
3.4 Total hours in the curriculum	36	Of which: 3.5 course	24	3.6 seminar/laboratory	12
Time allotment:					hours
Learning using manual, course support, bibliography, course notes					8
Additional documentation (in libraries, on electronic platforms, field documentation)					7
Preparation for seminars/labs, homework, papers, portfolios and essays					8
Tutorship					2
Evaluations					8
Other activities:					-
3.7 Total individual study hours	89				
3.8 Total hours per semester	125				
3.9 Number of ECTS credits	5				

4. Prerequisites (if necessary)

4.1. curriculum	Fundamentals of Programming, Algorithms and Data Structures, Object-Oriented Programming, Advanced Programming Methods, Logic and Functional Programming
4.2. competencies	Basic knowledge in Python, Java, C#, C++

5. Conditions (if necessary)

5.1. for the course	Projector for lecture presentations
5.2. for the seminar /lab activities	Computers for practical assignments

6. Specific competencies acquired

Professional competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good programming skills in high-level languages • Better understanding of the program execution • Better knowledge about program semantics • Better knowledge about automated program verification • Better knowledge about writing correct code • Better knowledge about code optimization
Transversal competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to design and build dependable software systems • Ability to design and build critical systems

7. Objectives of the discipline (outcome of the acquired competencies)

7.1 General objective of the discipline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of the main concepts and techniques of blockchain technology, with main focus on smart contracts
7.2 Specific objective of the discipline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the execution model of Ethereum platform • To understand bitcoin concepts • To understand the execution of smart contracts • To learn how to write smart contracts • To become familiar with the tools which automatically analyse, optimize and verify smart contract

8. Content

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Remarks
1. Introduction into Blockchain foundations and applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive exposure • Explanation • Conversation • Didactical demonstration 	
2. Basics of Ethereum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive exposure • Explanation • Conversation • Didactical demonstration 	
3. Introduction in Smart contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive 	

	exposure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation • Conversation • Didactical demonstration 	
4. Smart contracts. Design patterns in Solidity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive exposure • Explanation • Conversation • Didactical demonstration 	
5. Advanced topics on Solidity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive exposure • Explanation • Conversation • Didactical demonstration 	
6. Decentralized Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive exposure • Explanation • Conversation • Didactical demonstration 	
7. Bitcoins. Foundations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive exposure • Explanation • Conversation • Didactical demonstration 	
8. Bitcoins. Advanced topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive exposure • Explanation • Conversation • Didactical demonstration 	
9. Consensus protocols. Foundations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive exposure • Explanation • Conversation • Didactical demonstration 	
10. Consensus protocols. Advanced topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive exposure • Explanation • Conversation • Didactical demonstration 	
11. Security in Ethereum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive exposure • Explanation • Conversation • Didactical demonstration 	

12. Mining strategies, Mining attacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive exposure • Explanation • Conversation • Didactical demonstration 	
13. Advanced topics on Blockchain verification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive exposure • Conversation 	
14. The future of Blockchain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive exposure • Conversation 	

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3. Jeremy Clark, an [extensive online bibliography](#) of Bitcoin research papers
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8. A.M. Antonopoulos, G. Wood, *Mastering Ethereum: Building Smart Contracts and DApps* O'Reilly Media, 2018
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8.2 Seminar / laboratory	Teaching methods	Remarks
1. Configuration of Ethereum client	Conversation, debate, case studies, examples	The laboratory is structured as 2 hours classes every second week
2. Tools: Ganache, Remix, Mycrypto	•	
3. Solidity	•	
4. Project assignment		
5. Metatask and Design Patterns	•	
6. Decentralized Applications	•	
7. Project evaluation	•	
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9. Corroborating the content of the discipline with the expectations of the epistemic community, professional associations and representative employers within the field of the program

- The course respects the IEEE and ACM Curricula Recommendations for Computer Science studies
- The content of the course is considered by the software companies as important for average software development skills

10. Evaluation

Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - know the basic principle of the domain; - apply the course concepts in problem solving 	Written Final Exam	50.00%
Seminar/lab activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - be able to use course concepts in solving the real problems 	Laboratory Work	50.00%

- At least grade 5 (from a scale of 1 to 10) at written final exam and at each laboratory assignment.

Date

Signature of course coordinator

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Date of approval

Signature of the head of department