

Blockchain and Cryptocurrency

Instructor Information

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Course Information

- FIN-UY 4903
- Blockchain and Cryptocurrency
- Tues, Thurs 5:00PM-6:20PM
- 2 MetroTechCtr Rm 812
- Office Hours: on Google Meet, time TBD

Course Overview and Goals

A complete and comprehensive look at blockchain technology and cryptocurrency. No prior knowledge of blockchain or cryptocurrency required.

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Have a deep understanding of core blockchain concepts, benefits, and limitations
- Be able to state definitions of various services and products built on top of a decentralized network
- Be able to set up a local environment for development and interact with a blockchain
- Have tools to further develop and/or research blockchain technology

Course Requirements

Class Participation

Students are required to attend class, complete assignments on time.

Assignments

Homework will be given weekly.

Tests & Quizzes

Midterm and Final

Grading of Assignments

The grade for this course will be determined according to the following formula:

Assignments/Activities	% of Final Grade
Participation	10%
Homework	25%
Course Project	15%
Midterm	25%
Final	25%

Letter Grades

Letter grades for the entire course will be assigned as follows:

Letter Grade	Points	Percent
A	4.00	94.5% and higher
A-	3.67	90.0 – 94.49%
B+	3.33	87.5% - 89.99%
B	3.00	82.5% - 87.49%
B-	2.67	80% - 82.49%
C+	2.33	77.5% - 79.99%
C	2.00	70.0% - 77.49%
F	.00	69.99% and lower

View Grades

Grades and assignments are available via Brightspace (brightspace.nyu.edu)

Course Schedule

Topics and Assignments

Week/Date	Topic	Reading	Assignment Due
Week 1	History of Digital Cash; fiat money		
Week 2	Blockchain Defined; Cryptocurrency Defined		
Week 3	Encryption;		
Week 4	Methods for consensus		
Week 5	Security in blockchain transactions; Setting up local environment for development		
Week 6	Popular Blockchains, Platforms for creating a blockchain		
Week 7	Review and Midterm		
Week 8	Smart Contracts, dApps and Web3,		
Week 9	Developing Applications on a blockchain		
Week 10	NFTs, Tokens and Coins		
Week 11	Cryptocurrency Exchanges, valuations, governance		

Week 12		Breaches in Security and Crime		
Week 13		Review		
Week 14		Final Exam		

Course Materials

Required Textbooks & Materials

No textbook required; readings will be available online.

Resources

- **Access your course materials:** [NYU Classes](http://nyu.edu/its/classes) (nyu.edu/its/classes)
- **Databases, journal articles, and more:** [Bern Dibner Library](http://library.nyu.edu) (library.nyu.edu)
[NYU Virtual Business Library](http://guides.nyu.edu/vbl) (guides.nyu.edu/vbl)
- **Obtain 24/7 technology assistance:** Tandon IT Help Desk (soehelpdesk@nyu.edu, 646.997.3123)
NYU IT Service Desk (AskIT@nyu.edu, 212-998-3333)

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 1. **Cheating:** intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized notes, books, electronic media, or electronic communications in an exam; talking with fellow students or looking at another person's work during an exam; submitting work prepared in advance for an in-class examination; having someone take an exam for you or taking an exam for someone else; violating other rules governing the administration of examinations.

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5. Duplicating work: presenting for grading the same work for more than one project or in more than one class, unless express and prior permission have been received from the course instructor(s) or research adviser involved.
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