

COURSE TITLE	Cryptocurrency Technologies				
Course code	DPR013	Year of study	2		
Lecturer(s)	Nikola Grgić, senior lecturer	ECTS	6		
Associates		Total lesson hours per semester	Lecture	Seminar	Laboratory
			24	16	20
Course status		Percentage share of e-learning	25%		
COURSE DESCRIPTION					
Course Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt a theoretical knowledge of cryptocurrency technologies and blockchain • Develop a blockchain and cryptocurrency-based software • Read, process and analyze blockchain data 				
Course enrolment requirements and entry competencies required for the course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • programming skills (Python, Java, C# or other) 				
Learning outcomes On successful completion of this course, student should be able to:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compare the most common cryptocurrencies 2. Describe a basic concepts related to blockchain-based cryptocurrencies 3. Apply a theoretical knowledge to interpret Bitcoin network events and to develop cryptocurrency-based software 4. Analyze different events at Bitcoin blockchain and interpret its correlation 5. Analyze blockchain data and present results 6. Develop a software using Bitcoin Core API in order to access a blockchain and network events 				
Course content	<p>Introduction. History of money. Cryptocurrency development. Bitcoin whitepaper. Basic terms. Wallets. Standard and deterministic wallet. Generating a private key. Bitcoin standard implementation. Full node. Bitcoin Core. Bitcoin Core <i>datadir</i>. Bitcoin Core API. Bitcoin Core Server mode. Testnet. RPC interface. Transactions, inputs and outputs. Mempool and fees. UTXO. Transaction scripts. Keys, addresses. Base 58 encoding. Bitcoin network. SPV clients. Blockchain. Block header and structure. Merkle tree. Mining. Proof of work. Consensus. Difficulty adjustment. Forks. BIPs. Bitcoin security model. Alternative cryptocurrencies (altcoins).</p>				

Types of teaching:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lecture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> seminars and workshop <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> practical <input type="checkbox"/> combined e-learning <input type="checkbox"/> field research		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> self-study <input type="checkbox"/> multimedia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> laboratory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mentoring work <input type="checkbox"/> (others)			
Student obligations	Attending classes, solving all tasks in laboratory, make seminar and project.					
Monitoring student work (enter the share in ECTS credits for each activity so that the total number of ECTS credits corresponds to the credit value of the course):	Class attendance	2	Research	0,4		
	Experimental work		Report			
	Essay		Seminar	0,4		
	Self-study	1,6	Workshop			
	Project	1,4	Office hours, mid-term exams and final exam	0,2		
Assessment and evaluation of student work during classes and at the final exam	CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT					
	Continuous testing indicators			Performance A_i (%)	Grade ratio k_i (%)	
	Seminar			10 - 100	100	
	Laboratory tasks attendance			100	0	
	Laboratory tasks final exam			50	0	
	FINAL ASSESSMENT					
	Indicators checks			Performance A_i (%)	Grade ratio k_i (%)	
	Project			10 – 100	40	
	Exam (written)			40 – 100	40	
	Exam (oral)			40 – 100	10	
	Previous activities			10 – 100	10	

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<p>The grade (in percentages) is formed on the basis of all indicators that describe the level of student activities according to the relation:</p> $Grade(\%) = \sum_{i=1}^N k_i A_i$ <p>k_i - weighting factor for each activity, A_i - success in percentage achieved for a particular activity, N - total number of activities.</p>																					
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Required reading	Antonopoulos, A. M., „ <i>Mastering Bitcoin: Programming the Open Blockchain</i> “, O'Reilly Media, 2017.	Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 4.0 (CC BY-SA 4.0) licence																			
	Nakamoto, S.: „ <i>A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System</i> “, 2008.	www.bitcoin.org																			