Course Number	ECC 6103
Course Title	Advanced Cloud Computing
Course Outline	Introduction to Clouds, Virtualization, and Virtual Machines. Network Virtualization and Geo-distributed Clouds. Leader Election in Cloud, Distributed Systems, and Industry Systems. Classical Distributed Algorithms and Industry Systems. Consensus, Paxos, and Recovery in Clouds. Cloud Storage: Key-value Stores/NoSQL Systems and their Use in Industry Systems. Cloud Applications: MapReduce, Spark, and Apache Kafka. Cloud Native Computing and Micro-services.
Learning Outcome	Cloud Computing as a Distributed Systems: Explain and contrast the role of Cloud computing within this space. Cloud Virtualization, Abstractions and Enabling Technologies: Explain virtualisation and their role in elastic computing. Characterise the distinctions between Infrastructure, Platform and Software as a Service (IaaS, PaaS, SaaS) abstractions, and Public and Private Clouds, and analyse their advantages and disadvantages. Programming Patterns for "Big Data" Applications on Cloud: Demonstrate using Map-Reduce, Vertex-Centric and Continuous Dataflow programming models. Application Execution Models on Clouds: Compare synchronous and asynchronous execution patterns. Design and implement Cloud applications that can scale up on a VM and out across multiple VMs. Illustrate the use of NoSQL Cloud storage for information storage. Performance, scalability and consistency on Clouds: Explain the distinctions between Consistency, Availability and Partitioning (CAP theorem), and discuss the types of Cloud applications that exhibit these features.
Assessment Method	Quiz / Assignment / ESE

Suggested Reading

- Distributed and Cloud Computing From Parallel Processing to the Internet of Things; Kai Hwang, Jack Dongarra, Geoffrey Fox Publisher: Morgan Kaufmann, Elsevier, 2013.
- Cloud Computing: Principles and Paradigms; Rajkumar Buyya, James Broberg, and Andrzej M. Goscinski Publisher: Wiley, 2011.
- Distributed Algorithms Nancy Lynch Publisher: Morgan Kaufmann, Elsevier, 1996.
- Cloud Computing Bible Barrie Sosinsky Publisher: Wiley, 2011.
- Cloud Computing: Principles, Systems and Applications, Nikos Antonopoulos, Lee Gillam Publisher: Springer, 2012.