Blockchain. In short, it’s a public ledger used for cryptocurrency transactions. It’s also a fast-growing technology that has the potential to affect business sectors as diverse as banking, energy, music, and nonprofit. With thousands of blockchain-related jobs available in New York City alone, candidates who can use the technology to improve a company’s efficiency are in high demand.

The secondary concentration in blockchain gives Gabelli School graduate students the opportunity to master the skills needed to stand out in this space. Students will learn the fundamentals of blockchain, examine the role of cryptocurrencies as a funding mechanism, and explore the legal and regulatory issues surrounding the field.

Graduate students who pursue the secondary concentration in blockchain are encouraged to join the Fordham Fintech Network; attend a meeting of the Enterprise Ethereum Alliance, which meets regularly at Lincoln Center; or participate in one of the numerous meetups on blockchain and cryptocurrencies taking place around New York City.

In addition, students have the chance to attend conferences with industry leaders without leaving campus. Each spring, the Gabelli School presents the Blockchain Disruptor Conference, and Fordham’s Institute of International Humanitarian Affairs holds the annual Humanitarian Blockchain Summit.