BLOCKCHAIN SECONDARY CONCENTRATION

Blockchain. In short, it's a technology that allows people who don't know each other to trust a shared record of events. It's also a fast-growing technology that has the potential to affect business sectors as diverse as banking, energy, music, and nonprofit, and is connected to headline grabbing cryptocurrencies and NFTs. With thousands of blockchain-related jobs available in New York City alone, candidates who can use the technology to improve a company's performance are in high demand.

Fordham's leadership in blockchain education has been highlighted in *Fortune* magazine twice (in an article about MBA programs and in an article about how to build your knowledge about cryptocurrencies) and its faculty includes an inducted fellow of the British Blockchain Association. 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 medium of exchange and as a store of value, explore the legal and regulatory issues surrounding the field, and learn how to build their own decentralized application (DApp).

Graduate students who pursue the secondary concentration in blockchain are encouraged to join the Fordham Fintech Network 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. Fordham has been host to the Blockchain Disruptor Conference (hosted by the Gabelli School), the Humanitarian Blockchain Summit (hosted by Fordham's Institute of International Humanitarian Affairs), and the Blockchain Regulatory Symposium (hosted by the Fordham Law School.). Recent events include DEFICON, the NFTs: Welcome to the Metaverse panel co-sponsored with the Museum of American Finance, a Gabelli+ educational event with Fordham alumnus Joshua Q. Israel Satten (who built out the first middleware blockchain solution for the U.S. government), and the Fordham Finance Society's 7th Annual Trending in Finance Conference on Financial Technologies and Transactions in a Post-COVID World.