



Focus on Fordham University at Rose Hill and the Gabelli School of Business

Students applying to Fordham University must choose one of the following: the Rose Hill campus (in the Bronx), the Lincoln Center Campus, or the Gabelli School of Business. The Gabelli School of Business has thus far been located exclusively on the Rose Hill campus, but as of September 2014, Gabelli will have two to three hundred students at the Lincoln Center campus, where the emphasis will be on Global Business, with an international focus permeating all of their studies.

One unusual feature of the Gabelli School on both campuses is that even though its students all major in some aspect of Business, fifty percent of their courses are in the liberal arts and they have the same core requirements as everyone else at Fordham.

As a Jesuit institution, Fordham is committed to engaging students both intellectually and ethically. The core curriculum and distribution requirements are designed to emphasize intense reading, writing, and oral presentation in classes which generally have 19 or 20 students, and seldom more than 35. The undergraduate population in the Bronx is approximately 5,500 students, allowing ample opportunities for undergraduates to engage in faculty-guided research, much of which is published in an annual journal.

Although the majority of students are Catholic, religion course requirements may be satisfied with courses in religious philosophy and the study of comparative religion, and there are Jewish and Muslim student organizations on campus. Generally speaking, what Fordham students have in common is a commitment to use their education for the betterment of their community. Thus, service is an

important component of a Fordham education, and students engage extensively in volunteer work throughout New York City.

The 85 acre Rose Hill campus adjacent to the New York Botanical Garden is a bucolic oasis atop a hill with lots of green space and traditional stone buildings, some of which have been renovated so they have very modern interiors. The Gabelli School is housed in one such building which opened this year with a magnificent light and airy interior and high tech amenities.

The campus is extremely safe despite the less than stellar neighborhood abutting it on one side. Although the main address is on E. Fordham Road, if traveling by car, the campus must be accessed via Southern Boulevard just across from the Botanical Garden. Subway and Metro North stations just outside the gate give students easy access to Manhattan. The commuter train takes only seventeen minutes to Grand Central Station.

This proximity to Manhattan makes it easy for students to do internships (which most do) as well as to connect with a sizable network of committed alumni who mentor them and help them obtain jobs. It also means that in the Gabelli School, many faculty members are actually high profile professionals in the fields they teach.

The Gabelli School's Dean Donna Rapaccioli says their mission is to create "compassionate global business leaders" and to stay ahead of the curve in business trends so that their alumni will be marketable immediately upon graduation. For instance, since businesses these days often stipulate that they want employees who can work on teams, Gabelli students learn to do so from their freshman year on.

Admission to Fordham is growing ever more competitive, the number of applications having increased every year for the past twenty-two years. For the class of 2016, the median SATs were 1830-2059, median ACTs were 27-31, and median GPA 3.7, 92, or A-.

The Early Action and Priority Deadline is November 1. The Regular Decision deadline is January 15.

