

# PUBLIC GOOD DISTINCTION

## DECEMBER 2018 / MAY 2019 GRADUATES INFORMATION

To earn the Distinction, students in their final year must:

1. Complete 16 credits of public good courses (4 experiential). Core requirements cannot satisfy the credits. Submit your credits via the [Course Submission Form \(https://udenver.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_43mKYx444w9jHwx\)](https://udenver.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_43mKYx444w9jHwx) May 2018 graduates must submit courses by **January 23, 2019** (the day after add/drop at 100%). December 2018 graduates must submit courses by **October 12, 2018**. Students are encouraged to participate in academic advising to aid with course selection.
2. Enroll and participate in the 0-Credit **Public Interest Capstone** during their graduating year. See specific date information below. You cannot enroll via Banner. Instead, visit <http://tinyurl.com/publicgooddistinctionregister> to register. **You must register by September 5, 2018 if you want to enroll in the capstone and are graduating December 2018 or May 2019.** Please note enrollment in the capstone is required to receive the distinction.
3. Complete a **culminating reflection essay**. For May 2019 graduates, this essay should be submitted to [afreeman@law.du.edu](mailto:afreeman@law.du.edu) no later than **March 30, 2019**. December 2018 graduates must submit by **November 1, 2018**. There is no set length requirement for the essay, but we imagine that most essays will be at least 3 pages. The prompt for the reflection essay is:

*This culminating essay provides you with an opportunity to reflect on your legal education and be mindful of your future professional path. Consider both your pre-law school ideals and the many new experiences presented as a law student, and share how and why you've landed where you are at this point. When you consider your "public good path," what stands out as the most formative experience during your time at Denver Law? What are your expectations for yourself in practice in terms of what you hope to be doing, but also how you intend to continue to pursue the public good and maintain a professional identity that will always resonate with those values that brought you to Denver Law in the first place?*

### Capstone Important Dates:

Students must attend at least two of the four sessions (though students are welcome to attend more). Sign-ups will be sent electronically each semester once students are registered for the capstone.

1. *Surviving on a Public Good Salary: In Depth Financial Planning*
  - i. October 18 OR October 30, 12pm-1pm, room 259 [session is repeated; do not attend both!]
2. *Reflecting on Public Interest @ DU and What's Next?*
  - i. November 14, 12pm-1pm, room 255
3. *Career Planning:*
  - i. February, exact date and room TBA
4. *Self-Care for Service Professionals:* March/April 2018, exact date and room TBA

Visit the [Public Good Distinction](#) page for information, including sample courses, or contact Alexi Freeman, [afreeman@law.du.edu](mailto:afreeman@law.du.edu)/303.871.6788 with questions.

\*Note: no minimum GPA required, but students must be in good standing to earn the distinction.\*