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The degree requires 36 credit hours of coursework

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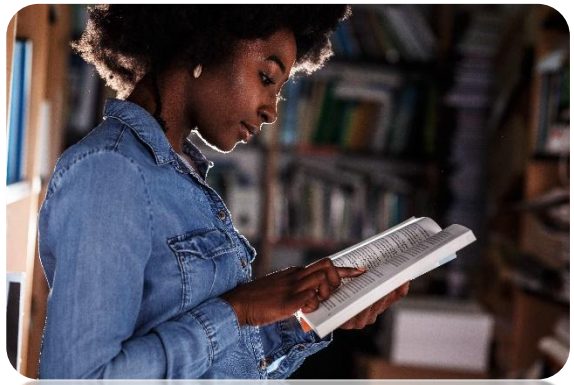

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Public Service Leadership Courses (18 hours total required)

Core Courses
IDST 510, Mental Health Crisis (3 CREDITS)
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IDST 520, Trauma Informed Responses and De-escalation for the Public Service Professional (3 CREDITS)

Required Course
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Restricted Electives
DST 541, Advanced Cultural Relations in Public Service (3 CREDITS)
IDST 542, Child and Adolescent Development for the Public Service Professional (3 CREDITS)
IDST 543, Seminar in Constitutional Law and Civil Rights (3 CREDITS)
IDST 544, Crime and Deviance as a Public Health Matter (3 CREDITS)

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Core Course
IDST 600, Foundations of Social Justice and Human Rights (3 CREDITS)

Required Courses
IDST 610, Developing Theories of Social Justice (3 CREDITS)
IDST 620, Inquiry into Critical Methodologies (3 CREDITS)
IDST 630, Rights, Laws, and Legal Issues in Social Justice and Activism (3 CREDITS)
IDST 680, Practicum (2 CREDITS)

Restricted Electives
IDST 641, Social Justice and Human Rights in Race, Class, Gender, and Gender Identity (4 CREDITS)
IDST 642, Social Justice and Human Rights in Education, Public Service, and Social Work (4 CREDITS)
IDST 643, Social Justice and Human Rights in Immigration, Labor, Religious Expression (4 CREDITS)
IDST 644 Global Social Justice and Human Rights (4 CREDITS)