OUR MISSION

To end domestic violence by fostering institutional and social change through leadership development, education, research and community collaboration.
We invite you to learn more about program specifics, course requirements, financial aid or other details of our programs on domestic violence.

Check out these SPA programs:

• Doctor of Philosophy
• Master of Criminal Justice
• Master of Public Administration
• Accelerated Master of Public Administration
• MPA Dual Degree Programs
• MPA Nonprofit Concentration
• Rocky Mountain MPA
• MPA Western Slope Program
• Certificate Program in Environmental Policy, Management, and Law

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Students are accepted into the Program on Domestic Violence (PDV) once each year as a cohort, a group that takes courses in tandem and participates in organized events and activities featuring local practitioners and other experts. Cohort sessions explore practical applications to classroom knowledge and build a personal and professional network for students to rely on throughout their degree program and their careers.

The PDV is a concentration within two degree programs offered by the School of Public Affairs: the master of public administration and the master of criminal justice. Students take the following domestic violence core courses as 12 of the required 36 semester hours.

**Domestic Violence Core Courses**
- Women and Violence: A Sociological Perspective
- Psychology of Domestic Violence
- Battered Women and the Legal System
- Social Justice, Advocacy and Social Change

**MPA**
**MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM**

The first graduate program of its kind in the nation, the University of Colorado Denver’s MPA Program on Domestic Violence focuses on organizational management
and public policy, helping service organizations integrate grassroots social justice work with good administrative practice.

Our students come from around the country to participate in this program, which combines online offerings with campus visits. Many are practitioners—advocates, counselors, social workers and other victims’ services and domestic violence workers—who seek to enhance their management and policy skills. Some are managers in related fields who seek to gain an understanding of domestic violence and the policies, services and public consciousness surrounding it. Others are interested in making a career change or entering the field after graduating from college.

Our faculty come from all University of Colorado campuses and programs to collaborate with local and national practitioners in this innovative program. Experts from across the nation, recognized for their cutting-edge contributions in domestic violence management and public affairs, sociology, psychology, women’s studies, law, education and social change, are invited as distinguished guest faculty to participate in the program each year.

The MPA-PDV program is available in a unique online/on-campus schedule. Reaching out to students across the nation, the Program on Domestic Violence combines core MPA courses with intensive domestic violence and nonprofit courses.

**MPA Core Courses (18 hours)**
- Introduction to Public Administration
- Organizational Management and Change
- Information and Analytic Methods
- Economics and Public Finance
- Policy Process and Democracy
- Leadership and Ethics

**Additional Courses (6 hours)**
- Advanced Seminar
- One elective course

**MCJ**
**MASTER OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM**
The Program on Domestic Violence (PDV) now offers flexibility to students through an additional degree choice: the concentration in domestic violence in the master of
criminal justice (MCJ) program. Greater numbers of specialized services within legal systems, including police units and the courts, are devoted to reducing the occurrence of interpersonal violence. These systems require well-educated professionals who carry a strong awareness of domestic violence into public-policy making, law enforcement, correctional rehabilitation and judicial arenas.

The Program on Domestic Violence within the MCJ degree provides an interdisciplinary perspective on crime, the formulation of laws and codes, the criminal justice system and women and violence. Graduates take career routes into areas of the justice system such as police administration and probation, juvenile crime and drug rehabilitation agencies. The degree is ideal for criminal justice system practitioners, advocates, counselors, social workers, victim service providers and managers in related fields who are strengthening their knowledge in the justice system’s perception of domestic violence, its policies and services.

The MCJ-PDV degree plan requires a total of 36 semester hours of study.

**MCJ Core Courses (12 hours)**
- Law and Social Control
- Administration of Justice
- Nature and the Causes of Crime
- Research Methods of Criminal Justice

**Additional Courses (12 hours)**
- Four MCJ elective courses.

**Admission Requirements**
- undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- GRE, GMAT or LSAT scores, unless waived
- demonstrated interest in public affairs and domestic violence issues

**School of Public Affairs**
Founded in 1973, SPA is one of the nation’s top graduate schools today, offering the only graduate degree programs in public affairs in Colorado. Known for our outstanding multidisciplinary faculty, the school provides rigorous training for students who seek leadership roles in the realm of public affairs, nonprofit management and criminal justice.