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# TOP 10 MOST MILITARIZED SCHOOLS IN AMERICA

## To determine which US institutions of higher learning had the closest relationship to the national security state,

VICE News analyzed the educational backgrounds of more than 90,000 workers with top secret clearances in the US intelligence community. Schools are ranked according to the number of top secret workers who attended and the preponderance of programs each school has in four sectors of national security: military, intelligence, law enforcement, and homeland security.

### KEY

- ◆ PREDOMINANTLY ONLINE
- RESEARCH INSTITUTION
- ★ LOCATED IN DC AREA
- FOCUSED ON HOMELAND SECURITY
- ⌘ FOR-PROFIT
- PB PUBLIC
- NP NON PROFIT

THE SUB-RANKINGS OF EACH OF THESE SCHOOLS ARE OUT OF 100



**#1** **University of Maryland** ■★

PB 119,500 STUDENTS ENROLLED  
\$159M NATIONAL SECURITY FUNDING

📁	TOP SECRET EMPLOYMENT RANK	01
🔒	INTELLIGENCE RANKING	01
🛡️	HOMELAND SECURITY RANKING	03
👮	LAW ENFORCEMENT RANKING	01
🎖️	MILITARY RANKING	04

A counter-terrorism powerhouse, the university hosts the DHS-sponsored National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism and the NSA-sponsored Center for the Advanced Study of Language.

**#2** **American Military University** ◆

⌘ 157,539 STUDENTS ENROLLED  
\$0 NATIONAL SECURITY FUNDING

📁	TOP SECRET EMPLOYMENT RANK	02
🔒	INTELLIGENCE RANKING	02
🛡️	HOMELAND SECURITY RANKING	38
👮	LAW ENFORCEMENT RANKING	02
🎖️	MILITARY RANKING	20

AMU breaks down the basics for a new cadre of secret agents in law enforcement and homeland security, while graduating the greatest number of self-described interrogators with top secret clearances.

**#3** **University of Phoenix** ◆

⌘ 254,626 STUDENTS ENROLLED  
\$0 NATIONAL SECURITY FUNDING

📁	TOP SECRET EMPLOYMENT RANK	03
🔒	INTELLIGENCE RANKING	03
🛡️	HOMELAND SECURITY RANKING	58
👮	LAW ENFORCEMENT RANKING	04
🎖️	MILITARY RANKING	31

"Higher learning" at this online, for-profit school is secret code for making a killing on GI Bill dollars, and enormous revenues from federal student loans in default.

**250+**

schools started offering homeland security degrees after 9/11.

**#4** **George Washington University** ★■

NP 125,613 STUDENTS ENROLLED  
\$8M NATIONAL SECURITY FUNDING

📁	TOP SECRET EMPLOYMENT RANK	04
🔒	INTELLIGENCE RANKING	04
🛡️	HOMELAND SECURITY RANKING	44
👮	LAW ENFORCEMENT RANKING	03
🎖️	MILITARY RANKING	33

GW graduates specialists in homeland security and cybersecurity. Its Center for Cyber & Homeland Security will allow for on-campus classified research so GW can compete for government contracts and tax dollars.

**#5** **George Mason University** ★■

PB 33,729 STUDENTS ENROLLED  
\$24.4M NATIONAL SECURITY FUNDING

📁	TOP SECRET EMPLOYMENT RANK	05
🔒	INTELLIGENCE RANKING	05
🛡️	HOMELAND SECURITY RANKING	20
👮	LAW ENFORCEMENT RANKING	05
🎖️	MILITARY RANKING	24

A leader in national security opportunism for 25 years, it established the first cybersecurity-focused Center for Secure Information Systems in 1990, as well as the Center for Infrastructure Protection & Homeland Security.

**#6** **Cochise College**

PB 4,379 STUDENTS ENROLLED  
\$0 NATIONAL SECURITY FUNDING

📁	TOP SECRET EMPLOYMENT RANK	07
🔒	INTELLIGENCE RANKING	06
🛡️	HOMELAND SECURITY RANKING	60
👮	LAW ENFORCEMENT RANKING	20
🎖️	MILITARY RANKING	64

The college practically shares real estate with Fort Huachuca, home to the US Army Intelligence Center, and is a favorite for military intelligence degrees.

**#7** **Johns Hopkins University** ■★●

NP 21,372 STUDENTS ENROLLED  
\$666.3M NATIONAL SECURITY FUNDING

📁	TOP SECRET EMPLOYMENT RANK	09
🔒	INTELLIGENCE RANKING	07
🛡️	HOMELAND SECURITY RANKING	07
👮	LAW ENFORCEMENT RANKING	06
🎖️	MILITARY RANKING	01

The Applied Physics Laboratory is the spookiest laboratory in higher education, and the downtown DC School of Advanced International Studies caters to the policy-making stars.

**#8** **Strayer University** ◆★

⌘ 36,953 STUDENTS ENROLLED  
\$0 NATIONAL SECURITY FUNDING

📁	TOP SECRET EMPLOYMENT RANK	06
🔒	INTELLIGENCE RANKING	08
🛡️	HOMELAND SECURITY RANKING	70
👮	LAW ENFORCEMENT RANKING	17
🎖️	MILITARY RANKING	62

This online, for-profit school cashes in on its academic partnership with the FBI National Academy.

**#9** **Webster University**

NP 16,769 STUDENTS ENROLLED  
\$0 NATIONAL SECURITY FUNDING

📁	TOP SECRET EMPLOYMENT RANK	08
🔒	INTELLIGENCE RANKING	10
🛡️	HOMELAND SECURITY RANKING	47
👮	LAW ENFORCEMENT RANKING	28
🎖️	MILITARY RANKING	57

Webster caters to the armed services and advances a herd of national security project managers through courses online and on military bases.

**#10** **Georgetown University** ★

NP 17,858 STUDENTS ENROLLED  
\$19.3M NATIONAL SECURITY FUNDING

📁	TOP SECRET EMPLOYMENT RANK	12
🔒	INTELLIGENCE RANKING	09
🛡️	HOMELAND SECURITY RANKING	40
👮	LAW ENFORCEMENT RANKING	32
🎖️	MILITARY RANKING	35

Georgetown is a known feeder school to the US Foreign Service. When its graduates aren't employed by the State Department, they populate whatever intelligence agency will have them.

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**10%**

of CIA analysts and Foreign Service officers obtained their bachelor's from an elite American school, most of them before 9/11.