



## THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

The [United States Military Academy \(USMA\)](#) is a four-year coeducational federal service academy located at West Point, New York. West Point was originally established as a fort that sits on strategic high ground overlooking the Hudson River with a scenic view, 50 miles north of New York City. Established by President Thomas Jefferson on March 16, 1802. It is the first of the four U.S. military service academies that educates its students for commissioning as officers primarily in the US Army. It was the first American college to have an accredited civil-engineering program and the first to have class rings, and its technical curriculum was a model for later engineering schools. West Point graduates have had a profound effect upon the development of the United States, including two Presidents.