Created in 1957, Oakland University (OU) is a public university in Michigan with approximately 20,000 students that offers a diverse set of programs. In 2018, OU was designated as the National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE-CD) by the National Security Agency (NSA). OU is reputed for its close integration of its education, research, and service to the community. The US World and News has consistently rated OU as one of the top ten regional universities in the mid-west. Oakland University is classified as a doctoral university with higher research activity (R2) by the Carnegie Classification of Higher Education.

Programs offered at OU closely related to cybersecurity are the Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity, the Master of Science in Cybersecurity, and professional certificates through Professional and Continuing Education (PACE). In particular, The Bachelor of Science in Information Technology is the validated Program of Study (PoS) by the NSA.

OU established the Center for Cybersecurity (the Center) to promote interdisciplinary collaborative research, education and outreach in the area of cybersecurity at the university level in 2016. The Center has sixteen (16) faculty members from School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS), School of Business Management (SBM) and College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) with six (6) departments, including the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE), Department of Decision and Information Sciences (DIS), Department of Mathematics and Statistics (MS), Department of Political Science (PS), and Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice (SASC).

At present, OU is hosting the NSF funded Scholarship for Service (SFS) program, NSF funded Bridge to Cyber (B2C) program, NSF funded Research Experiences for Undergraduate (REU) program in cybersecurity and AI (CyberAI), and NSA and NSF jointly funded GenCyber Student program and GenCyber Teacher program.