

## International Man of Mystery Gadget Technician

### Occupation Description:

An international man of mystery gadget technician (IMMGT) is responsible for the development and maintenance of all gadgets – electronic or otherwise – used by international spies working to save the world from bad guys. Prior to spy missions, IMMGTs typically work to develop weapons or useful tools out of every day items (e.g socks that explode, toothbrush cameras) and may be responsible for training spies in gadget deployment. Post-mission, IMMGTs typically spend a lot of time fixing spy gadgets that have been destroyed by bad guys or through careless misuse by irreverent spies.

### Required Education:

A bachelors degree in mechanical and electrical engineering is suggested though advanced degrees will lead to more pay, fame and fortune. A minor in “witty banter” is also suggested though not necessary.

### Geographical Requirements:

Though an IMMGT will typically be headquartered in some secret U.S. location underground or in a seemingly abandon building in a dilapidated industrial park, they can often expect to be deployed to countries ending in “-stan”, particularly during complex missions involving very bad guys.

### Interest:

I have always been mechanically inclined and, particularly in group projects in school, am usually the “brains” behind the scenes. I think I would enjoy the admiration that goes along with being a sidekick though I would not have to worry about being eaten by sharks with laser beams attached to their heads or maimed by mutated sea bass.

### Interview:

Name:	Dr. “Q”
Title:	Professor and Undergraduate Student Advisor
Department:	Department of Nemesis-ology
University:	Pentagon College for Would-Be Good Guys
Research:	Spy gadget development using recyclable and undetectable materials
Date Interviewed:	31 February 2007

What skills do you need to succeed in this career?

*“You need to be mechanically and electrically inclined, VERY patient and able to work effectively in groups. Good communication skills are immeasurably important. You must be able to think on your feet and be able to keep secrets.”*

What high school classes are particularly important in preparation for pursuing a college major in this occupation?

*“Math, science, art, gym.”*

Is there anything else that a student could do while in high school that might help in preparation for pursuing a college major in this occupation?

*“When I was in school, I used to sharpen my skills by developing gadgets to torment bullies (e.g. plastic explosive hair gel, habanero jock strap). I would particularly be on the lookout for a science-focused after school program, housed in a museum on a university campus with a charismatic director. I once heard of such a paradise...run by a guy named Jamie, I think...”*

What first inspired you to get into the spy gadget business?

*“Classic movie spies like James Bond, Austin Powers and Inspector Clouseau. By the way, Roger Moore was the best James Bond and Tom Cruz isn’t believable as an international man of mystery – too short.”*

#### Related Occupations:

Low-Level Good Guy:

- ✓ *Helps IMM catch bad guy but usually dies very easily. Possesses basic weapon and hand-to-hand combat skills.*

Spy Agency Director:

- ✓ *Must be very smart and well-versed in all things “spy” and possess a one-letter name (e.g. “M”, “O”). Can have no living relatives (as they would be killed or kidnapped and used as leverage) and must be very patient, especially when the IMM completes the mission but at great cost to the government with many explosions that destroy lots of stuff.*

Spy Secretary

- ✓ *Requires a range of administrative skills related to drafting fake documents (e.g. passports, security badges). Must be able to maintain personal relationships while constantly warding off advances from charismatic IMM.*

#### References:

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## International Man of Mystery Gadget Technician Relevant Coursework

Major: Gadget-ology  
University Name: Pentagon College for Would-Be Good Guys  
Location: Unknown  
Required Classes:

### Freshmen

- ✓ Spy Gadgets from Common Bathroom Appliances
- ✓ Making Cameras from Frozen Foods

### Sophomore

- ✓ Explosive Laxatives
- ✓ Things that Maim

### Junior

- ✓ Tools for Humane Torture
- ✓ Environmentally Friendly Nuclear Weapons

### Senior

- ✓ Experimental Brain Control
- ✓ Dangerous Animal Robots

Major: Tools of the Trade  
University Name: Community College of the CIA  
Location: Unknown  
Required Classes:

**Freshmen**

- ✓ Tools & Techniques for Cheating at Cards
- ✓ Shooting Lasers from Space

**Sophomore**

- ✓ The Power of Prosthetics
- ✓ Nano-Cars

**Junior**

- ✓ Edible Weapons
- ✓ Using Technology to Make Baby Animals Mean

**Senior**

- ✓ The Chemistry Behind Perfect Hair
- ✓ Underwear that Thinks