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You Want To Become A Real Spy?

An introduction to what it takes to become a real spy.

So, you've made the decision to become a spy - Congratulations! However, before you can start on your way, you have to first know all the ins and outs of becoming a spy.

Depending on where you come from and your skills, there are numerous agencies that can easily accommodate you. Nevertheless, there are three fundamental qualities any good spy must have: Guts, Intelligence and Creativity!

Guts

Spying is not for the faint of heart! It often requires putting yourself in situations that are often dangerous and requires quick thinking on your feet. You must be bold for this profession.



Intelligence

Being able to learn, share, and act upon information is a key quality in a spy. Not only do you have to have the know-how, you must also be quick to do so! In the world of spying you'll need to be both flexible and very clever to make sure your cover is never blown... and if it is, to know how to react.

Creativity

Spies often find themselves in a variety of situations. Furthermore, they're not always equipped with the proper spy high-tech gadgets to get them out of these binds. Instead, a top-notch spy must make do with whatever is available to them. Almost always, this requires a lot of creativity and resourcefulness.

If you have these three core qualities, you are well equipped to move forward in becoming a real-life spy. But remember, it's not enough to have these qualities. It's up to you what you do with it!



The United States of America

How to become a US Special Agent .

If you're an American citizen, there are two major agencies that you can work for as a spy: the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

They are both important agencies that use special agents to get their hands on secret information in sensitive matters.

How do you become an agent for each of these agencies? Follow these guidelines for each and you'll surely accomplish your goals!

Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)

**The CIA spies
abroad**

The [Central Intelligence Agency](#) is an independent agency of the US government that collects and coordinates intelligence, as well as counterintelligence, abroad in the interest of the nation. They often engage in covert and paramilitary operations requested by The President to ascertain national security. Their primary function is to gather intelligence regarding foreign governments, corporations and individuals as measures of advisement for at home policymakers.



**You must be a
model U.S. citizen**

To become a CIA agent you must be a United States citizen. You must have a clean background, meaning no criminal activity or even a poor driving record.

Generally, you must be a model citizen starting at a very young age. You must be show to be a responsible person, who knows good from bad, and who can be trusted.

Of course, the CIA does not expect perfection but they do favor those who show integrity, are loyal to the country and have personal values. They will check out your friends and family, so make sure you hang out with people that stay out of trouble!

Say no to drugs

You must avoid illegal drugs at all costs. As a rule of thumb, the CIA states that any illegal drug usage within a year of your application will mean that you cannot work for them. However, given the nature of the job, any illegal drugs are highly recommended to be avoided.

Instead, joining sports or clubs are important components to add on an application and keep you of sound mind and body.

Higher education needed

After you complete your standard school (K-12), it is then necessary to enroll in a higher education institution. Almost all CIA agents are required to have at least a bachelor's degree, but advanced master's and doctorate degrees are the most helpful.

Your grade point average should be at least a 3.0 although more active agents have a higher marking.

Your major course of study should be international relations, area studies, economics, math, and science (behavioral, physical, computer) as these are what the CIA actively seeks when recruiting.

Know more languages

One of the most important attributes to have is fluency in a foreign language or two. Since field work is done abroad, it is highly productive to be fluent in a language outside of English.

Particular languages of the Middle East and Asia, such as Mandarin or Farsi, are extremely sought after since a lot of work is done in these locales. By developing your language skills to that of a native, will definitely get you in good graces with this institution.

Apply for the job

Once you've searched for a current opening at the CIA, you must apply for the position. If they contact you, correspondence usually takes up to 45 days, you will receive a conditional offer.

Tests

Usually, you will have a medical and psychological exam that checks that you are in good health (both mentally and physically). They will then run an extremely thorough background test (which is why it was important to maintain an excellent record).

It will specifically investigate your loyalty to the United States, strength of character, trustworthiness, honesty, reliability, discretion, and soundness of judgment.

Also, they'll want to be sure you are not involved in any double-agent activity that can jeopardize national security.

Lie detector

For this, the CIA will ask you to do a lie detector (polygraph) test to make sure that you did not lie during the hiring process. They often ask if you've taken any illegal drugs or if you have a problem with drinking alcohol or gambling.

If you've finally passed all these ins and outs, the CIA will offer you a position in which you can either accept or decline.

Of course you'd accept! You want to be a spy after all...

After you have accepted

Once you've accepted the offer, you then participate in job training that often requires relocating. Job training is often very demanding and rigorous. It can take several years to complete this training and even then, it may be probationary.

It will require you to execute your three core qualities every day, so you must be prepared and know what you want.

Military



Special Tips for the CIA

If you're able, plan to join the military. Despite the CIA's unlisted hiring preference, having military experience illustrates that you're a loyal citizen while pre-screening you for military intelligence. Remember that you'll still need to acquire a college degree!

Science

If you're interested in science, on the other hand, pursue it! The CIA has special organizations that require a scientific background - spy agencies, in particular, find this skill set extremely useful. When you're in college be sure to apply for the numerous internships and undergraduate/graduate programs available to college students.

It will be demanding, but it'll not only look good on your later application, but will prepare you for the demands of being a spy.

Downsides to being a spy

Always consider that every job (even a cool job as being a spy) has benefits as well as some downsides such as location moves, secrecy and long hours. This is all part of the spy game, so be prepared to put in the hard work!

It is all worth it in the end.

If you'd like more information regarding the available positions or a more in-depth explanation of how the CIA works, you can visit: www.cia.gov

Federal Bureau of Investigation

National and international focus

As one of six represented agencies of the Justice Department, the [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#) (FBI) protects federal laws that can stretch from the borders of the United States to other countries.



It takes a special person to join the ranks of the FBI so be prepared to put in some honest and hard work.

23 years old with drivers license

The minimum requirements to apply for the FBI are somewhat stringent. You must be at least 23 years old and have a valid United States issued driver's license (with a clean driving record).

Higher education needed

A minimum educational requirement of a Bachelor's degree from a four-year accredited university in tandem with a physical ability to fulfill the training and duties. This can include the capacity to fight, use and execute firearms and other such duties.

More importantly, however, is the ability to ultimately learn an area of expertise such as law (must have a Juris Doctor), language (proficient and able to pass language exam), accounting (CPA or FBI equivalent exam) or other varied duties (needs an advanced degree as well as a minimum of 3 year work experience).

When you apply

Also, when applying, you must be prepared for at least a three-year commitment to advance into employment.

The FBI views many activities as disqualifications, such as a felony conviction, a current default on your student loan, a history of illegal drug use (passing a drug test is a requirement) and never registering for selective service (generally for men only).

The application process requires you submit all addresses and dates of residence for your whole life. You must also give a complete history of any work, volunteer, law enforcement, military history. Also awards and academic achievements are taken into consideration when applying.

The FBI utilizes phase testing.

First phase test

The first phase test is not one you can study for as it applies more to your personality than your skills.

If they feel you're a right fit, you will be prompted to fill out the real application, which is quite thorough as it touches on personal subjects such as your history and immediate family. There will also be an extensive background check.

3 application categories

Your application is then placed into three categories: rejection, possibility (as in you're adequate but there are more qualified candidates) and definite (in person interview).

If you're in one of the appropriate categories, you will be invited to apply for continued consideration - they will give such an extensive background check that your kindergarten teacher may be called on for questioning.

Second phase test

Should you pass the first test, you then continue to phase 2 testing. Here you will need to pass a polygraph and drug test, another comprehensive background check, conditional appointment, physical exam, security interview, credit check, psychological testing and a requirement to meet anyone you've ever known who is not a US citizen.

Prepare yourself for rejection

Like all tedious and grueling testing, it doesn't always mean you're cut out for the FBI. Unfortunately, you must prepare yourself for rejection as it could happen at any given moment (and to add insult to injury, it's done by mail).

16 weeks of training

However, if you've done well you will then be enrolled for an agent training at Quantico, CA that lasts approximately sixteen weeks.

Remember, acceptance does not guarantee your ultimate success in the FBI academy since you will still need to complete additional training and testing.

Be honest

During this time you must be sure to keep quiet and prepare yourself for the job (this usually includes moving to another location). Always be honest in all that you do and be the best possible agent you can.

If you're able to overcome and persevere, you are more than ready to be an international spy!



Special Tips for the FBI

Generally, most FBI agents have a college career in criminal justice, law and/or accounting. If you'd like to be ahead of the crowd, military experience is always a bonus, although you must have an honorable discharge (a dishonorable one will disqualify you).

Foreign language classes

You can also try taking foreign language classes in high school or college - even taking them during the application process looks good to the agency as it will help increase your chances when you take the language exam.

Again: no drugs

Above all else, avoid any drug use. Being a spy requires all your faculties so try not to cloud them with unnecessary drugs and alcohol.

For more information on the FBI please visit www.fbi.gov

The United Kingdom

Spying for the U.K.

The Home Country of James Bond

Not from the United States? There's nothing to worry about - There are plenty of agencies that are in need of a spy just like you! The United Kingdom has several agencies that work together to provide an infrastructure of intelligent support to the nation.

Several agencies

The United Kingdom's intelligence machinery is comprised of: the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS), Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), the Security Service (also known as MI5), the Defense Intelligence Staff (DIS) and the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC).



Military Intelligence, Section 5 (MI5)

There is a wide range of staff that is recruited for [MI5](#) based on fair and open competitive standards. The Security Service employs around 2,200 people with almost half of them being women and under 40 years of age.

The main purpose of this sector is to investigate, judge, and manage policies in The UK. Specialists range in language, technology, IT, communications, administration and a variety of other backgrounds applicable to the system.

Secret Intelligence Service (SIS)

The Secret Intelligence Service is extremely selective. It is known for its forward-looking nature, but rooted history in tradition.

Select over-achievers

You are not only motivated but you deliver high-caliber work. Your background in work and life are full of achievement and you are supported by an array of constituents. Your skill set must be broad but ultimately specialized in an applicable field. Although there is no template for the staff, you must pass a nationality and security clearance to be considered.

Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ)

Well being of the UK

If you're interested in working for an agency that plays a crucial role in the political, militaristic or economic well being of the UK, the GCHQ is for you. This agency requires a full range of skills and has a variety of possible career paths. You will need a degree from a higher educational institution with work experience.

The GCHQ bases their acceptance policy on core qualities such as service, integrity and commitment to success.

Defense Intelligence Staff (DIS)

Due to the nature of this agency, it is required that you are a national and pass a security clearance. This position requires a special loyalty to the nation, and generally requires military service experience.

Live abroad!

Usually those who have lived abroad are selected.

All applicants are also required to go through heavy testing before consideration or appointment of a position. Detailed questionnaires, discussions with officers and inquiries are open to all points of life. This level also requires the highest security clearance and is therefore the most comprehensive in analyzing and screening applicants.

For further information regarding United Kingdom agencies, please visit http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/security_and_intelligence/community.aspx

Israeli Spy Agencies

Israel is one of the major players in international espionage.

Israel has four main agencies that are responsible for collecting intelligence both in Israel and abroad:

- **Mossad** - Institute for Intelligence and Special Tasks (ha-Mossad le-Modiin ule-Tafkidim Meyuhadim)
- **Shabak** - Israel Security Service (Sherut ha-Bitachon ha Klali)
- **Aman** - Military Intelligence
- **Center for Political Research**/Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mossad - Institute for Intelligence and Special Tasks

[Mossad](#), which means institute, is an agency used for the collection of human intelligence, covert action and counterterrorism. Its most important area of interest is on Arab nations and Mossad is also responsible for Jewish refugees out of Syria, Iran, and Ethiopia.

These agents are also present in former communistic locations in the western world and the UN. Headquartered out of Tel Aviv, the Mossad includes around 1500-2000 active personnel.



Mossad has a total of eight departments, the most important being:

- Collections (deals with espionage operations, with diplomatic and unofficial cover)
- Political Action and Liaison Department (creates activities to interact with friendly foreign intelligence services)
- Special Operations Division (also known as Metsada that conducts assignments, sabotage, paramilitary and psychological warfare projects)
- LAP (Lohamah Psichologit) Department (psychological warfare)
- Research Department (has 15 sectors that are specialized for situation reports, weekly summaries and other analysis that is relevant to Israel)
- Technology Department (produces and maintains specialized technology conducive to Mossad objectives).

Shabak - Israel Security Service

This agency is the Israeli counterintelligence and internal security service.

ISA employees are Israeli nationals with a commitment to democratic values. They are not exempt from the law and are held accountable for their actions.

All work is done under the guidance of core values that assist them in their professional and ethical decision-making. These values are commitment to their objective, leading by example, professional demeanor, and transparency in actions, friendship and cooperation both domestically and in friendly foreign affairs.

They are required to be loyal representatives of the Israeli nation and exhibit, discretion, circumspection and integrity while in office.

Aman - Military Intelligence

The Aman is an independent organization that is equal to the other military forces with a staff of nearly 7,000. Their foreign relations department is in direct contact with foreign intelligence agencies, and are responsible for delivering daily intelligence reports, war estimates (and risks) as well as agent operations occurring abroad and at home.

Center for Political Research/Ministry of Foreign Affairs

This agency creates, uses and presents foreign policy of the Israeli government.

It is used to show how Israel is relevant globally, by cooperating with friendly foreign intelligence agencies (generally 160 countries) by the promotion of economic, cultural and scientific relations.

The main task of this agency is collecting, analyzing and appraising an array of political information under the Israeli government and ultimately creating a political infrastructure throughout the world.

If you'd like more information on these Israeli agencies, please visit <http://www.fas.org/irp/world/israel/index.html>

Spying for Other Countries



Special Research Tip

If your country wasn't listed please be sure to visit: <http://www.fas.org/irp/world/index.html>

This website lists all countries and agencies to get you started on your path as an intelligence agent.

Final Words

Author's Final Thoughts

Preparing yourself for the world of spies and covert operations isn't an easy process.

You must start as early as you can in order to acquire the necessary skills and mental aptitude needed to pass even the first round of testing.

By taking the time to assess your capabilities, you will be better equipped to choose which agency works best for you. After all, you're not limited by your location, as there are numerous organizations around the world created for the spy in you.

Although it is an exciting career, it is not for everyone. So please take the time to research and learn all you can about the subject so you can take the necessary steps to make your dreams come true!



About TopSpySecrets.com

I wanted to be a secret agent for as long as I can remember. When I was a boy, I was making my own gadgets. And since then, I've been collecting everything I could find about the **art of spying**.

Whether you want to know about the intelligence community, learn about the **████**, **████** and **████**, or you want to check what your Nanny is doing when you're at work, you've come to the right place!

Top Spy Secrets is your resource for:

- Learning the skills of real undercover agents
- Information on the Intelligence community
- Surveillance techniques
- Cryptology and information exchange
- Pinhole camera's, gadgets and other equipment
- Cool spy crafts
- and more!

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