Preparation: O/S

Linux familiarity

Use on a daily basis via dual boot / LiveUSB or on old computer

Windows CLI

Become comfortable navigating and checking windows settings via the command line



Preparation: Scripting Basics

Bash

Recon / Enumeration is key, bash scripts help expedite the process

Powershell

A grasp on the basics of Powershell can go a long way in exploitation

Python

Many exploits in OSCP are available as python scripts



Helpful Books

RTFM (Red Team Field Manual)

Also: Read The F'ing Man pages

Black Hat Python

Very helpful for python networking



Tools

Gain experience with the following tools:

NMAP nikto ssh

netcat enum4linux grep

ftp gobuster cat

wget smbclient sshuttle

curl proxychains (not critical) Burp Suite

hydra gcc msfvenom



Practice

Hack the Box:

Devel

Optimum

Bastard

Blue

Grandma

Granny

Vulnhub:

VulnOS 2

SickOS

Kioptrix (all)

Stapler

FristiLeaks

Mr-Robot



Go Time

Sign-up for the course (can take anywhere from 1 - 4 weeks)

Join irc #offsec

Befriend other students to work / study with

Stuck? Ask the admins for a hint

Use the forums only as a last resort

