**Easy Form Links**

* [Absence form](https://thinkful.typeform.com/to/CmatYh)
* [Networking can be submitted in the Careers Curriculum](https://courses.thinkful.com/web-dev-careers-networking-v1)

**Required Installations (prior to Day 1):**

* Install Node & NPM: [Mac](https://courses.thinkful.com/ei-js-v1/checkpoint/1) and [Windows](https://courses.thinkful.com/ei-js-v1/checkpoint/2)
* [Install and configure ESLint](https://courses.thinkful.com/ei-js-v1/checkpoint/3) and extension/plugin
* [Install a Local Web Server](https://courses.thinkful.com/ei-int-web-apps-v2/checkpoint/2) - \*\*Note: If you have trouble installing live-server per the directions, you may install [http-server](https://www.npmjs.com/package/http-server) as an alternative.
* [Install WakaTime](https://courses.thinkful.com/ei-js-v1/checkpoint/4) to help you track your time spent coding
* If you run into trouble, ask for help in the Slack group channel

**Technical Coaching**

Technical coaches provide students with the means to get themselves moving again if you need help or get stuck in the curriculum or on projects.

* Refer to [this documentation](https://docs.google.com/document/d/11a5181KvExDswqyhxFmF6nwi7J0J_nOXAj708azcnoQ/edit?usp=sharing) to gain a full understanding of what Technical Coaching is and how to use it.
* Be sure to watch watch this [video](https://youtu.be/SoQzyFXGAoc) on Technical Coaching prior to Day 1 of your program.
* The channel to get help from Technical Coaching is: *#ei-tc*. Technical coaching is available:
  + M — W: 9am-11pm ET
  + Th — Sun: 10am-11pm ET
  + Closed Holidays

**TA / Help Tickets**

TA / Instructor help is available during the following hours:

* M - F: 11am - 12:45pm ET, & 2pm - 5:30pm ET

*Before you open a help ticket* - ask yourself if your question could be answered by a Technical Coach. If so, create a ticket in the *#ei-tc* channel *first*.

If you determine you need hands-on help from a TA or Instructor - here are the steps to open a ticket:

* **Make sure** the code that you have a question about is pushed to a Github repository (in your Github Organization).
* **Formulate your question** for the TA/Instructor before opening the ticket. For example:
  + "I need help debugging my *createShoppingItem* function" is more descriptive and helps isolate the issue better than "My application is broken."
* Open your help ticket in the *support-ei-cohort35* channel by typing: */create-ticket*, followed by **your question** *and* **the URL to your Github repository's commit containing the issue**. For example:
  + */create ticket I need help debugging my \*main* function - <https://github.com/thinkful-ei-heron/shopping-list-starter/commit/392d6d2b8d78e48bc7a57b0a9d6d571c32ed2e2c>

**Pre-course materials**

* Read the [Units 2 and 3 of the Learn to Learn Curriculum](https://courses.thinkful.com/learn-001v1/unit/1)
  + Complete and submit the assignments for Unit 3, Lessons 7 and 8.
* Read about [Overcoming Impostor Syndrome](https://medium.com/@aliciatweet/overcoming-impostor-syndrome-bdae04e46ec5#.9k777h4jy)
* If you haven't already, sign up for the [Auto-Graded JS Exercises](https://repl.it/community/classrooms/20690) and work through them. Every minute of practice now will be invaluable experience during the course.
* When you're done with the above, work through the following [FreeCodeCamp content](https://learn.freecodecamp.org/) in the Javascript Algorithms And Data Structures section:
  + Basic Javascript
  + Object Oriented Programming
  + Functional Programming
  + ES6
* Start trying the Javascript problems of [Code Wars](https://www.codewars.com/) or [Code Fights](https://codefights.com/)
* Meet the rest of the students in your cohort. Be sure to introduce yourself in your Slack Cohort Channel once you've joined!
* [Check out the high level course schedule](https://overview.thinkful.com/programs/web-development-full-time) - coming soon!
* You can find the graduation requirements [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OrzppMJlzhLIYxqcm61MEIEdSmefp9VAvLhMX_Vr9gM/edit).
* [Welcome from our Careers team](https://courses.thinkful.com/career-001v3/assignment/1)

**Read and Review:**

* [Command Line, Git, and Github](https://courses.thinkful.com/dev-environment-v1/checkpoint/5) - Practice the essential commands and understanding version control
* [Unit 1: HTML and CSS](https://courses.thinkful.com/html-css-v1/checkpoint/1) - Review the curriculum
* [Unit 2: JavaScript Fundamentals](https://courses.thinkful.com/js-v1/checkpoint/1) - Review the curriculum

**Quick Links to Curriculum:**

* [Welcome to Thinkful](https://courses.thinkful.com/learn-001v1/unit/1)
* [Command Line, Git, and Github Basics](https://courses.thinkful.com/dev-environment-v1/)
* [HTML/CSS Fundamentals](https://courses.thinkful.com/html-css-v1/checkpoint/1)
* [JavaScript Fundamentals](https://courses.thinkful.com/js-v1/checkpoint/1)
* [JavaScript Review](https://courses.thinkful.com/ei-js-v1/checkpoint/1)
* [Interactive Web Apps](https://courses.thinkful.com/ei-int-apps-v3/checkpoint/1)
* [Asynchronous Web Apps](https://courses.thinkful.com/ei-int-apps-v3/checkpoint/1)
* [Build Your Portfolio](https://courses.thinkful.com/ei-portfolio-v1/checkpoint/1)
* [Client-side programming with React](https://courses.thinkful.com/ei-react-v1/checkpoint/1)
* [Server-side programming with Node and Postgres](https://courses.thinkful.com/ei-node-postgres-v1/checkpoint/1)
* [Authentication with JWT](https://courses.thinkful.com/ei-auth-jwt-v1/checkpoint/1)
* [Data structures and algorithms](https://courses.thinkful.com/ei-dsa-v1/checkpoint/1)