

PHASE 1 – JavaScript Core Foundations (2–4 weeks)

Before touching frameworks or backend, you must master the fundamentals.

1. JavaScript Basics

- **Variables:** `let`, `const`, and `var` (differences & scope)
- **Data Types:** `string`, `number`, `boolean`, `null`, `undefined`, `object`, `symbol`, `bigint`
- **Operators:** `+`, `-`, `*`, `/`, `%`, `**`, comparison operators, logical operators
- **Type Conversion:** `Number()`, `String()`, `Boolean()`

2. Control Flow

- `if/else`, `switch`
- Loops: `for`, `while`, `do...while`, `for...of`, `for...in`
- Ternary operator: `condition ? expression_if_true : expression_if_false;`

3. Functions

- Function declarations & expressions
- Arrow functions `() => {}`
- Parameters & default values
- Returning values

4. Objects & Arrays

- Object creation, property access (`dot` vs `bracket` notation)
- **Array methods:** `map`, `filter`, `reduce`, `forEach`, `find`, `some`, `every`, `sort`

5. DOM Basics (Front-End Side)

- `document.querySelector()` / `getElementById()`
- Changing HTML content & styles
- Adding & removing elements
- Event listeners (click, input, etc.)

PHASE 2 – Intermediate JavaScript (3–6 weeks)

This phase makes you capable of handling real-world logic.

6. Advanced Functions

- Callback functions
- Higher-order functions
- Closures

7. Asynchronous JavaScript

- `setTimeout`, `setInterval`
- Promises
- `async/await`
- Fetch API (making HTTP requests)
- Error handling (`try...catch`)

8. ES6+ Features

- Template literals
- Destructuring
- Spread/rest operators
- Modules (`import/export`)
- Optional chaining `?`.

9. DOM & Browser APIs

- Form handling
- LocalStorage & SessionStorage
- Geolocation API
- Intersection Observer (for animations on scroll)

PHASE 3 – Front-End Development with JavaScript (4–8 weeks)

Time to make interactive UI and learn a framework.

10. Advanced DOM & UI

- Creating dynamic lists, carousels, and modals
- Event delegation
- Handling media queries with JS
- Animations with JS & CSS

11. JavaScript + CSS

- Adding/removing classes for styling
- Triggering animations programmatically

12. Front-End Frameworks (*Pick one to start*)

- **React (most popular) – Components, Props, State, Hooks, Routing**
OR Vue.js – Easier learning curve
- Learn component-based architecture
- API integration with Axios/Fetch

PHASE 4 – Back-End JavaScript (Node.js) (6–8 weeks)

13. Node.js Basics

- What is Node.js & npm
- Reading/writing files
- Creating a server with **http** module
- Using **require** & **import**

14. Express.js Framework

- Setting up a basic server
- Routing (**GET**, **POST**, etc.)
- Middleware
- Serving static files
- Handling JSON requests

15. Working with Databases

- MongoDB (NoSQL) + Mongoose
- OR PostgreSQL/MySQL (SQL) + Sequelize/Prisma
- CRUD operations (Create, Read, Update, Delete)

16. Authentication & Security

- JWT authentication
- Password hashing with bcrypt
- Helmet.js for security headers
- CORS

PHASE 5 – Full-Stack JavaScript (6–10 weeks)

17. Connecting Front-End & Back-End

- Build APIs in Express.js
- Fetch data from your API in React/Vue
- Handle form submissions to the backend

18. Deployment

- Deploy frontend (Netlify, Vercel)
- Deploy backend (Render, Railway, AWS, Heroku)
- Environment variables & production setup

19. Real Projects

- To-do app with authentication
- E-commerce site with cart & checkout
- Blog with CRUD functionality
- Chat app with WebSockets

PHASE 6 – Advanced Topics (*Ongoing*)

- **TypeScript (optional but highly recommended)**
- **WebSockets for real-time apps**
- **Performance optimization**
- **Testing (Jest, Mocha)**
- **GraphQL APIs**

Suggested Timeline

Beginner (Core JS): 2–4 weeks

Intermediate JS: 3–6 weeks

Frontend Framework: 4–8 weeks

Backend with Node.js: 6–8 weeks

Full-Stack Projects: 6–10 weeks