3-Month Cybersecurity & Ethical Hacking Course Syllabus

Duration: 12 Weeks
Mode: Online/Offline

♠ Level: Beginner to Advanced

Outcome: Industry-Ready Skills + Certificate + Final Project

⋄ Month 1: Foundations of Ethical Hacking & Networking

Week 1: Introduction to Cybersecurity & Ethical Hacking

- Types of Hackers & Cyber Threats
- Cyber Law & Legal Aspects
- Setting up a Hacking Lab (Kali Linux, VirtualBox, DVWA, Metasploitable)

Week 2: Networking Essentials

- OSI Model & TCP/IP Basics
- IP Addressing, Subnetting, DNS, DHCP
- Packet Flow Analysis with Wireshark

Week 3: Linux & Windows OS Basics for Hackers

- Linux Terminal Commands, File System
- User Management & Permissions
- Windows Architecture & PowerShell for Hackers

Week 4: Footprinting & Reconnaissance

- Passive and Active Information Gathering
- WHOIS, NSLookup, Social Engineering, Shodan
- Tools: Maltego, Recon-ng, the Harvester, Spider Foot

⋄ Month 2: Scanning, Vulnerability Analysis & Exploitation

Week 5: Scanning & Enumeration

- Port Scanning: Nmap, Zenmap
- Network Mapping, OS Detection
- Service Enumeration: SMB, FTP, SNMP

Week 6: Vulnerability Assessment

- What are CVEs and CVSS?
- Vulnerability Scanning Tools: Nessus, OpenVAS
- Manual Vulnerability Detection

Week 7: System Hacking & Exploitation

- Password Cracking (Hydra, John the Ripper, Hashcat)
- Privilege Escalation (Windows & Linux)
- Remote Access Tools (RATs)

Week 8: Metasploit Framework

- Exploitation using Metasploit
- Creating Payloads with MSFvenom
- Meterpreter Basics & Post Exploitation

♦ Month 3: Advanced Web, Wireless, & Real-World Attacks

Week 9: Web Application Hacking (Part 1)

- OWASP Top 10 Overview
- SQL Injection (Manual + Automated with SQLmap)
- Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

Week 10: Web Application Hacking (Part 2)

- Command Injection, File Upload Vulnerabilities
- Burp Suite Professional (Deep Usage)

Testing with DVWA, bWAPP, and Juice Shop

Week 11: Wireless Hacking & Social Engineering

- Wi-Fi Cracking using Aircrack-ng, Wifite, Fluxion
- Evil Twin Attacks, Deauthentication Attacks
- Social Engineering Toolkit (SET)
- Phishing Page Creation & Cloning Websites

Week 12: Capture The Flag (CTF) & Career Building

- Introduction to CTF Challenges (TryHackMe, Hack The Box)
- Real-World Scenarios & Simulated Pentesting
- Report Writing for Pentesters
- Career Paths: Bug Bounty, Pentester, SOC Analyst
- Final Exam + Certificate + Career Guidance

Extras:

- Resume Building for Ethical Hackers
- Internship & Freelance Guidance
- List of Bug Bounty Platforms
- Practice Labs & CTF Platforms (Hack The Box, TryHackMe, PortSwigger)
- Interview Preparation Tips