## Case Interview Preparation

**Recommended Timeline: 4 - 6 weeks**

### Week 1 - Learn How to Tackle Each Part of the Case
- Read OCS’ “Management Consulting and the Interview Process Overview” here.
- Optional: Read “Case in Point”
- TIP: Keep a casing notebook with structures, shortcuts, formulas to memorize and refer back to it frequently.
- TIP: Research the interview style of the firms you are interviewing for. Do they give market sizing or strategy cases? Are they interviewer or interviewee-led?

### Week 1 - Familiarize Yourself with Case Interviews
- Get a sense of how case interviews flow using resources.
- Read sample cases on firm websites.
- TIP: Alumni and students that have gone through the process can be good resources for tips, practice cases, and lessons learned.

### Ongoing - Build Business Knowledge
- Keep up with daily digest of news from podcasts and/or newsletters to stay up to date on business and industry trends and developments. Some suggestions here.

### Weeks 2-4 - Practice
- Practice each component of the case by doing cases and drills on RocketBlocks and by using Case in Point.
- Schedule a mock case via Yale Career Link (select appointment type: case prep).
- Make sure you’ve done at least 3 cases in “case mode” on RocketBlocks before scheduling.
- Practice cases with classmates following case book prompts or sample online cases.
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- TIP: Take notes on your feedback and redo the case on your own.

### Weeks 3-4 - Improve Skills
- Once you have completed a few cases, read industry primers to understand common driving forces for different industries.
- Identify weak areas in casing and continue practicing on RocketBlocks.
- TIP: Recommend taking around 8-10 cases before doing a mock case with a firm representative. While you will not be penalized for doing poorly, mock cases are an opportunity for firms to identify and track outstanding candidates in the recruiting process.

### Weeks 4-6 - Hone and Refine
- Continue refining your casing skills by doing full cases with OCS and peers, and by doing drills and cases on RocketBlocks.
- Work on difficult cases!
- Test your skills by doing cases about unfamiliar industries.
- Learn frequently used formulas, frameworks, etc. by heart.
- Develop the confidence to bring in business knowledge and recover from mistakes.

### TIP: Make sure to spend time practicing consulting behavioral interviews as well. Some starter information can be found here.