Important Information about Internships & Senior Thesis:

1. Internships (CHEM 495):
   - Forensic science students should plan on completing the internship course during the summer months between their 3rd and 4th years of study.
   - Internships with the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Forensic Lab system are available on a competitive basis. The application deadline for WSP internships is in mid-January.
   - Other private and public laboratories offer internship positions. A list of regional internship possibilities is available from your forensic science advisor. Application deadlines vary from lab to lab, but inquiries should be made in early January.
   - Please Note: enrolling in the internship course at the end of your 4th year of study will impact your final graduation date from Spring to Fall.

2. Senior Thesis (CHEM 491):
   - A senior thesis research project is a program requirement and is usually completed during the 4th year of study.
   - This course consists primarily of experimental lab work, and will require approximately 70-100 hours of work. A work schedule should be arranged with your research supervisor.
   - Due to the complexity and unpredictable nature of experimental research, the work will be spread over several Quarters. Typically, planning and a literature review will be completed in the Fall Quarter, the experimental lab work will be conducted in the Winter Quarter, and the preparation of the final research report and an oral presentation will be completed in the Spring Quarter.
   - It is important to meet with your research supervisor at the end of the 3rd year or beginning of the 4th year to discuss possible research projects and to begin the necessary reading and planning steps (NOTE: the Senior Thesis research project can be completed with any EWU Faculty member so long as the research project has a potential benefit to your future career as a forensic scientist)