1. Internships (CHEM 495):
   • Forensic science students typically complete 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. An information meeting to discuss the application process is usually held in the during the last week of the Fall Quarter. The application deadline for the WSP internships is in early January
   • Other private and public laboratories offer internship positions. A list of past internship locations is available from your forensic science advisor. Application deadlines vary with the different labs, but inquiries should be made in early January
   • Please Note: enrolling in the internship course at the end of your 4th year of study may delay your official graduation date until the Fall

2. Senior Thesis (CHEM 491):
   • Forensic Science students must enroll in the senior thesis course during their 4th year of study
   • This course consists primarily of experimental lab work, and will require at least 70 hours of time.
   • Due to the complexity and unpredictable nature of experimental research, the work will be spread over several Quarters. Typically, the literature review will be done in the Fall Quarter, the experimental work conducted in the Winter Quarter, followed by the preparation of the final research report and oral presentation to the Department in the Spring Quarter
   • It is important to meet with your Senior Thesis supervisor as soon as possible in your 4th year of study, 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 there is an obvious benefit to your future career as a forensic scientist)