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• Plan appropriate pre-reqs for taking 500-level courses in junior/senior year
• Learn about MS program and discuss application plans with your potential graduate faculty advisor

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