

**ECON 4398-10 (29295)**  
**Independent Study (Independent Study)**

ALL STUDENTS TAKING ANY INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSE FROM ME IN ANY SEMESTER WILL PRINT-OUT THE POSTED SYLLABUS FOR THE COURSE BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO ENROLL FOR IT. THEY WILL TAKE IT WITH THEM TO FILL OUT THE PETITION USING THE INFORMATION IN THE SYLLABUS AND THE EXACT WORDING BELOW.

Students who take Econ 3351 or my Econ 4389 course may also take my Economics 4198 or 4298 or 4398 --- Special Problems in Development in which they will add one for 4198, two for 4298 or three for 4398 of the assigned choices which they did not use for the regular class. This course will be offered only to those who need one, two or three hours to graduate in May 2013.

There are a limited number of topics on which students will do their papers. They correspond to topics that students taking my courses in Spring 2013 will research for class presentation.

This semester those taking 3351 will read the two books that they did not read for the course plus either the

World Economic and Financial Surveys - **World Economic Outlook (WEO)**  
**Coping with High Debt and Sluggish Growth, IMF** October 2012

or

UNCTAD - Trade and Development Report 2012: Policies for Inclusive and Balanced Growth, Report by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development UNITED NATIONS New York and Geneva, 2012

(I will not be ordering these two in the bookstore since I do not know how many students will need them and since they are available free on line to be downloaded.)

There are a limited number of topics on which students will do their papers. They correspond to topics that students taking my courses in Spring 2012 will research for class presentation. Students taking 3351 or 4398 will be required to work with the group in class doing the presentation and be part of the presentation unless they have a course conflict. More details on presentation and topics will be provided, posted and sent out to all students registered for my courses. Updated guidelines for writing papers will be posted. URL for the guideline posting will be emailed to all students on the 1st day of class and again on the 1st day after the course registration is complete.

Topics for 4389 are:

- Trends in Food Safety over the last 100 years or so.
- Trends in Technology in Food Production, Preservation, Preparation and Nutrition over the last 100 years or so.
- Biotechnology in Agriculture - Yields, Safety (in production and consumption), Environmental Impact and Benefits (ex. Vitamin A enhanced rice).
- Trends in Global Poverty and Hunger since 1950.
- Trends in Global Life Expectancy since 1950.
- Trends in Global Population since 1950.
- Trends in Global Infant and Child Mortality Since 1960.

Project Topics for 3351 are:

- Trends in Global Food Production since 1960
- Trends in Global Poverty and Hunger since 1950.
- Trends in Global Life Expectancy since 1950.
- Trends in Global Population since 1950.
- Trends in Global Infant and Child Mortality Since 1960.
- Neglected Tropical Diseases (there is an online journal covering that topic among other sources).

**CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN ONLY TO THOSE WHO ENROLL IN THE Fall 2012 SEMESTER.**

In filling out the petition to take the course write the following: "Taking Econ 3351 or Econ 4389 - The student will read the two additional assigned book and the Jude (aka Judith) Capper articles) and add 25 pages to their total page requirement for Econ 3351 or Econ 4389. The papers are expected to cover the selected topics in greater depth."

Another option is: "Taking Econ 3351 or Econ 4389 and participating in a class project - The student will read either three additional assigned books for Econ3351 or two additional assigned book and the Jude (aka Judith) Capper articles for Econ 4389 and

then do a 30 page paper which brings together the presentations of her or his group. The paper is expected to cover the group project topic in greater depth."

Students taking my 4389 class will search out the articles on dairy and cattle production by Judith L. Capper (sometime listed as Jude Capper) at Washington State University and email the titles and URLs to me for permission to use them rather than an assigned book.

Have a cover sheet for each of your papers that you turn in to me this semester. In addition to your name, make sure that you indicate the class that you are taking - either Econ 3351 or Econ 4389 and then include the independent study course that you are taking - 4198 or 4298 or 4398.