EEP 260: Guidelines for Honors Credit

Student who wish to receive Honors credit for EEP 260 may complete a term paper, as described below. If you would like to do this assignment, please make an appointment to see me as soon as you have identified a topic, so we can discuss the topic that you have selected. In order to assist you to research your topic, early in the semester I will schedule a group meeting with one of MSU’s reference librarians for all students who wish to do an Honors research paper.

**Topic**

Students may focus their research paper on any topic that is covered in the course syllabus. I suggest that you focus on a single country or region of the developing world (i.e., Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, or Asia). Similarly, focus your paper on a specific aspect of the problem. For example, if you are interested in exploring a health-related issue, pick a specific issue such as AIDS, malaria, infant/child mortality, or malnutrition.

**Length:** 10 pages, double spaced (minimum)

**Structure of the Paper:**

Your paper must address the following four questions. When writing your paper, you may modify the name of each section to fit your topic. However, you must include you paper into sections I.-IV, begin each section with a topic sentence, and use sub-headings to separate information reported in each subsection (i.e., under each of the 4 main sections).

I. **What is the problem?** (1 page)
   Briefly describe the issue/problem that you have chosen for your research paper topic and why you have chosen to study this problem?

II. **What is the current situation with respect to your problem?** (2 pages)
   Provide information about various aspects of the problem, including: a) Who is affected by the problem? b) How extensive is the problem (draw on available data statistics to document the extent of the problem)? and c) What reasons/factors explain why this problem exists?

III. **What is being done to solve the problem?** (5 pages)
    Describe several programs/policies that national governments, international agencies, foreign assistance programs, and non-governmental agencies have supported in their efforts to solve the problem. What are the lessons learned from these efforts, including: a) What programs/policies have failed to have an impact and why? and b) What programs/policies have been most successful in addressing the problem and why?

IV. **What needs to be done in the future to solve the problem?** (2 pages)
    Drawing on what you have learned about how the problem is being addressed in developing countries, discuss what national government, international agencies, foreign assistance programs, and non-governmental agencies need to do in the future to make additional progress in addressing the problem.

**Information Sources:**

Document your paper using references found in MSU’s library. In addition, you may include data/information found on the internet. However, be sure to include as references the urls for your data/information sources.