**Term Paper Research Proposal**

ECON 180 Independent Study

Full Name

Semester

**Instructions:** You must complete a 2,000 to 4,000 word original term paper for this independent study. In preparation for this, you must develop the proposal outlining your planned research question and supporting materials. Complete this template with information for your own planned research project. Use complete sentences throughout and check for spelling and grammar.

**Research Question:** *[Make sure this is stated as a question! Do you have a testable hypothesis? If so, state it here.]*

**Data Source(s):** *[Include the name of the data sources you plan to use to evaluate your question. You must have at least one dataset from a legitimate data source, e.g. a government agency, a research institute, etc.]*

**Citations:** *[Include at least five economics journal (peer-reviewed) citations related to the topic you are researching. Format the citations using the Chicago Manual Style. ]*

**Methods:** *[State whether you plan to do a quantitative or qualitative study, and state the research method you are using, e.g. OLS regression, historical trend analysis, survey, etc.]*