

The Term Paper

A term paper of no more than eight pages in length (exclusive of graphs, charts, data appendices, *etc.*), typed, double-spaced, one-inch margins all around, Times New Roman 12-point font, is due on **Tuesday, November 18th at 4:00 pm**. You should choose a topic from a subject area in which you are not planning to write an executive summary. The term paper must be submitted electronically: e-mail it to me in pdf format. Late submissions will be subject to a penalty of one point per hour (or a fraction thereof). (See the Syllabus, section C).

PROCEDURE

1. Your term paper topic must be related to one of the two subject areas covered in the course—specifically, the subject area in which you have NOT done your executive summary. When you read the assigned textbook chapters, required papers, recommended books and papers, and follow current economic news, you will see that there are many interesting issues that lend themselves to a term paper treatment. You need to pick a sharply focused topic.
2. You may discuss with me, in a timely fashion, your chosen topic, or a list of potential topics that interest you.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Your paper should begin with a brief introduction. Describe the issue and its *economic significance*. Your analysis should be crisp and to-the-point. Label your graphs and charts (if you use any), and mention your data sources. Any material taken from other sources should be properly credited. End the paper with a clear conclusion. **Make a connection between your paper and some aspect of the course/textbook or other assigned readings.** Your paper should of course have a title and a bibliography. Make sure that there is a one-to-one correspondence between the references cited in the text of your paper and your bibliography. Use the *Journal of Economic Perspectives* (or *The American Economic Review*) as a guide for referencing style. Also, use your presentation as an opportunity to get feedback for your paper.

► This is a *WAC* course. Writing quality is taken into account. A well-written paper free of spelling, grammatical, and other errors is essential. Common errors such as the confusion between *effect* and *affect*, *then* and *than*, *do* and *due*, *countries* and *country's*, *their* and *there*, *its* and *it's* (not to mention *its'*), *deter* and *detour*, *etc.*, will be penalized. Clarity of expression, organization and neatness are essential. Do not forget to paginate your paper. Make sure to take advantage of help provided by the [Writing Center](#). Also, these two papers are very helpful in that they provide detailed guidelines for writing economics papers: click [here](#) and [here](#).

Please note:

1. You are **NOT** allowed to choose a topic on which you have already worked, or you are currently working, in another course (such as Eco 226, Eco 236, Eco 243, Eco 334, Eco 378, Eco 380, Eco 383, Eco 386, Senior Thesis, *etc.*), unless you demonstrate to me that your work for the paper in *this* course is *substantively* different from what you have done/are doing elsewhere.
2. You have a wealth of bibliographic databases available to you at the Library website. Use *EconLit*, *JSTOR*, *Social Sciences Citation Index*, *ProQuest* and other databases/search vehicles for relevant references (also, make sure to check [here](#)). It is ***your responsibility*** to find sources (literature, data, *etc.*) in a timely fashion. Unavailability or late arrival of sources or data will **not** be acceptable as reasons for late submission of the term paper.
3. Our librarians offer:
 - a. **Instruction Sessions:** We offer research instruction sessions on everything from Topic Creation to Searching Databases to Evaluating Resources and Citation. You can find more information in our [Library Instruction Menu](#) and use the [Request Library Instruction Form](#) to schedule.
 - b. **Individual Consultation:** If class time is limited, we're available for one-on-one consultations with your students, either in person or via Zoom. Students can reach out through chat and email or they can schedule appointments via our [Ask a Librarian](#) website.
 - c. **Custom Library Guides:** We curate library guides specific to your course or subject area, giving students a solid starting point for their research. For an example, see our Economics Guide <https://libguides.union.edu/economics>
4. Of the many sources which are searchable and/or available *via* the vehicles mentioned in 2 above, you might want to pay particular attention to ***The Journal of Economic Perspectives***, and various publications of the Federal Reserve System. Also, you should check [the course's website](#) (including [here](#)), and, in particular, the following websites:

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| The Brookings Institution | http://www.brookings.edu/ |
| Bureau of Economic Analysis | http://www.bea.gov/ |
| Congressional Budget Office | http://www.cbo.gov/ |
| Federal Reserve System | http://www.federalreserve.gov/otherfrb.htm |
| FRED | https://fred.stlouisfed.org/ |
| Institute for Policy Studies | http://www.ips-dc.org/ |
| The International Monetary Fund | http://www.imf.org/ |
| National Bureau of Economic Research | http://www.NBER.org/ |
| Nouriel Roubini | http://www.stern.nyu.edu/globalmacro/ |
| Resources for Economists | https://www.acaweb.org/resources |
| The World Bank | https://www.worldbank.org/en/home |

5. Please make sure to affix the Honor Code statement below to your term paper.

I affirm that I have carried out my academic endeavors with full academic honesty.

Signature: _____