

Paper Assignments for Economics FE365 - Macroeconomics

Paper Portfolio

Each student will find 4 different RECENT news articles and relate these to economic theory discussed in class. A graphical explanation should accompany the written explanation. These should come directly from the newspaper (a copy is fine) or news worthy magazines – NOT the web. Only one may relate recent economic news to your “stock portfolio”. One paper will be presented at the end of the course.

Evaluation Criteria for Individual Papers:

- Papers should be 2 to 3 pages typed with 11 point font and 1 inch margins. Shorter or longer papers are discouraged and must be accompanied by an explanation.
- Grading will be predominately determined by how well you relate the article to theory this includes graphs (which should be done professionally on Word, NOT by hand).
- Correct grammar is expected. Egregious grammatical mistakes will be penalized. In fact, if there are more than 2 grammatical mistakes per page (on average) I will not grade the paper and the author will receive an F on that paper.
- Clear and concise writing will be rewarded. Vague, rambling, or excessively wordy writing will be penalized.
- Papers must be submitted on time. Extensions will be granted only under unusual circumstances.
- Late papers will lose 1/3 of a letter grade per day. (For example, if a B paper is turned in on Wednesday but was due on Tuesday, it will get a final grade of B-.) Because you can attach these papers to an email, the weekend (Sat. and Sun.) are also late days. (For example, if a B paper is turned in on Monday but was due on Friday, it will get a final grade of C).
- Information must be accurate and sources must be documented, news articles cannot be shared with classmates.

Paper 1: Due 9/06/02

Possible ideas: Unemployment, GDP, Inflation Budget Deficit/Surplus

Paper 2: Due 10/04/02

Possible ideas: Unemployment, Open Economy (exchange rates), contributors to economic growth

Paper 3: Due 10/23/02

Possible ideas: Consumption and Savings, Fiscal Policy, Monetary Policy

Paper 4: Due 11/15/02

Possible ideas: Fiscal and Monetary Policy, Aggregate Demand, Exchange Rate Regimes, Phillips curve, Inflation

December 2, 2002 – Portfolio Due (Make sure to include original papers and corrections)