

The following steps are useful to write effective research paper:

1. **Topic Selection:** Select a topic from the various issues discussed in the class in the field of economic development. You may also select your choice of topic from the issues you have already addressed in weekly assignments.

2. Make sure the topic your have selected is relevant to the subject and does fit to your areas of interest in the subject.

3. The title of the topic must make sense and gives your audience a clear idea about the issue and focus of your research paper.

4. Your Topic selection is your first step. Once you are settled with your topic (you may also change or modify the topic title after you finish your writing depending on what you have come up with your end results of the term paper), the following general organizational structure of your paper should follow:

-Introduction: includes your reason for the interest in the topic, its relevance with some examples of the issues, quotes from other writers in the same issue, importance and objective of your paper

-Literature Review: This section should include your study on this area published in different literature. You may sub-divide this section into different categories of areas you have studied and summarize the findings in your own critical words. Providing proper citations are very important in this section.

-Method of Analysis: This section will include the appropriate approach of your analysis of the paper in the next section. This approach could be qualitative, quantitative, or both depending on your time and resource constraints to take the right approach. This methodology will clearly state the model structure you will be using and how you will collect data/information with sources (primary or secondary and why). You will also justify your approach you have taken, given other alternatives you could have.

-Analysis: Based on your approach mentioned in the previous section, this section will be main contents of your paper. This section will cover your data/information, analytical approach, tables, graphs, etc.

-Conclusion: Your findings in the Analysis section will give you clue to draw the conclusion very briefly, which will also include your own remarks explaining how you have fulfilled your objectives in your Introduction Section at the outset.

The above section will be followed by your list of references.

The abstract (the summary of the entire paper) should be written after finishing your paper and must be placed on Page 1 of your paper. However, Your paper must have a cover page followed by table of contents before the page 1. I will go over that more details in the class.

