



## ECON 210 Microeconomics

### Research Paper Instructions

- Topic summary and proposed outline of idea due in Module 3 (10 points)
- Draft of the paper due in Module 6 (30 points)
- Final paper due in Module 9 (60 points)

During the course, you are required to complete a formal written assignment highlighting published current economic events or issues and explain how they relate to theories learned in this course. The paper provides you an opportunity to realize, reflect, and explain the economics that exist all around us. The paper must include a graph used as an explanatory tool of the economic principle presented.

Early submissions of written assignments are always accepted, but use the links provided in the respective modules to submit your topic, draft, and final paper. Make use of the feedback you receive on your draft paper to improve your final paper before submitting it in Module 9.

Instructions for preparing this assignment are as follows:

1. Each paper is to be an analysis on the recent economic events or economic reports from the supplemental resources or references. The focus of this assignment is to relate and analyze *current* events to basic principles of microeconomics covered in this course. It is not acceptable to just regurgitate statistics. The paper should indicate that you have a clear understanding of theory learned in class and its application/operation in the 'outside world.'
2. Option - If you come upon an interesting subject relating to your work or any other non-economic publication that can be explained in light of the theories learned in this class, you may be able to substitute this as the basis article. Discuss the article and ideas with your Instructor prior to embarking on this option.
3. Use standard file format (.doc or .docx) for all deliverables (topic, draft, and final paper). Standard margins apply. Papers should contain proper documentation of the article(s) or other references used. If direct quotes are used (not contained in the article), appropriate footnotes, endnotes, or parenthetical citations must accompany the quotes. Since a part of your paper will come from published sources, Internet references, etc., there should be sufficient evidence of where the information for your paper originated. Paper length should be a few pages - short enough to qualify as a commentary but long enough to adequately address the subject. Typically, six to eight double spaced pages are sufficient. Papers are graded on quality of content, not quantity. Standard APA style rules apply and clarity is important to your grade.
4. Paper grade will be broken down by the following standards:

*Content 50%:* reflection, explanation, implications of economic theory in practice,

*Organization 20%:* References, Bibliography, Works Cited, etc.,

*Grammar and Spelling 10%:* If you use Microsoft Word which has a spelling and grammar tool, it should be difficult to misspell a word, use the incorrect word, or incorrectly use the written English language. (This is even rarer if you reread your assignment before submitting.),

*Readability 10%:* ease and flow of ideas of your presentation, and

*Format 10%:* APA format applies. The paper should be properly set up with Title page, Thesis (or hypothesis), body (loaded with references), and a conclusion.

This assignment will comprise 20 percent of your grade.

This assignment is only submitted once for credit. There is not an option for revising this assignment and resubmitting for a higher grade.

*Note: All papers submitted for grading in this course will be submitted to SafeAssign, a plagiarism detection service, to check for originality so be sure to appropriately cite sources. Please review rules on self-plagiarism. The submission of what is essentially the same paper in more than one class without any indication that the paper has been published elsewhere (i.e., redundant and duplicate publication) and the practice of text recycling is considered plagiarism. (APA guide, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, principle 6.02, page 170.)*