

Econ 370 Term Paper and Presentation: You must write a term paper that you present to the class.

The **OUTLINE** of the paper is due **October 25**.

Oral **PRESENTATIONS** take place during the last two weeks.

The **PAPER** is due no later than **December 10**.

Length: 7 pages, typed, double-spaced, not including tables and graphs is maximum length.

Attach an approved copy of your outline to your paper.

General instructions on how to prepare your research paper:

Most of the research papers in economics consist of the following parts:

1. An introduction to the topic: you should start your paper by giving reasons for the selection of the topic. Identify and describe a topic: specific change or economic reform in a selected capitalist country or socialist economy in transition.
2. Survey of the existing literature. Use and properly cite books, scholarly journal articles and other publications to review what is already known about your topic.
3. Conduct your own analysis: explain the nature of the reform, why is needed and what is its implementation.
4. Conclusion—summarize your findings (what we learn from your study).

Other points:

- You can put all data in the appendices.
- If you present some statistics in your text or express a particular view which is not that of your own, you should cite the source, including Internet locations.
- You need a bibliography for your paper. Further you should cite the references throughout your paper.

(Warning: Plagiarism is a serious mistake of academic ethics which can have serious consequences)

Grading criteria: your work will be evaluated on the basis of content, organization, clarity of expression, and style. Grading will be equally based on:

a) The knowledge of the subject, the clarity, accuracy, and completeness of your paper (including graphs, tables and their usage)

b) Your writing skills, including organization, grammar, spelling, punctuation, sentence and paragraph structure, etc.

You can organize your paper and write it up the way you want. When using scientific articles or reference material, you are required to cite. A citation of a scientific article has this format: Author last name, first name (year) "title of article," Name of Journal volume (number): pages.

A citation of a book has this format: Author last name, first name (year) Book Title publisher, city.

Examples:

Huffman, S.K. and S.R. Johnson, (2004) "Impacts of Economic Reform in Poland: Incidence and Welfare Changes within a Consistent Framework," The Review of Economics and Statistics Vol. 86(2):626-636.

Strong, A. L., T. A. Reiner, and J. Szymer, (1996) Transitions in Land and Housing: Bulgaria, The Czech Republic, and Poland, St. Martin's Press, New York.

Do not quote extensively from other sources. Sometimes brief quotes can help, but if they get too long, then you are not writing your own paper. Do your best to put things into your own words and do not rely on quotes. Correct your style, grammar, spelling etc. Regardless of how you choose to set up your paper, be clear, direct and specific. 7 pages are not long, and if you are not careful, you will run out of space before you get to the key material.

I would recommend you to work on a paper first and then presentation it to the class. The presentation to the class should last not more than 10 minutes.