

ECO 318, Winter 2017, Paper

**Instructions:** Your final paper is due by 11:59 PM on Saturday, April 6. You are welcome to discuss your paper topic with me at any point beforehand.

The maximum length for your paper is 10 pages (1.5 spacing with normal margins), excluding references. Please submit either a hard copy, or pdf via email.

Here are some possible types of papers you may write:

1. A literature review on a macroeconomic topic that we did not cover in class.
2. An empirical or theoretical research proposal. Here, you propose a research question and discuss how you would go about addressing it. If theoretical, some discussion of a model is appropriate. If empirical, some discussion of data and relevant econometric methods is appropriate. You are not expected to complete all of the research itself. This option is designed for non-seniors contemplating a senior thesis or capstone in macroeconomics. This paper should include a brief review of the related literature.
3. Original theoretical or empirical research. This is primarily targeted at students working on, or having completed, a thesis or capstone, although other ambitious students are welcome to choose this option too. You are welcome to submit an extension of such a project. It is expected, however, that it includes a significant component that is not part of your thesis or capstone. If you choose this option, you must attach a short separate description of how your class paper is related to, yet distinct from your capstone/thesis project.

The document that you submit must be your own. You may not submit work that you have completed for another course, and obviously you cannot submit another person's work. Others' work is expected to be properly cited and referenced.