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## **Term Paper Outline**

This empirical project can be done as a team effort. Each team will consist of three students. If you wish to be on a team with certain persons, you should let me know in writing by week 4. Otherwise, I will assign the teams by week 5.

The project should utilize regression techniques to examine a real issue of your choice. You can choose any topic, but you may try to choose a topic possibly related to your job or what you learned in other courses. You may collect the data from published or private sources or by conducting a survey. You must clear your topic with me before starting. To do so, you must submit a proposal (less than 2 pages) by **Week 6**. The proposal should cover (i) the main question you will attempt to examine (ii) data (definitions of variables, how you are going to collect, and etc) and (iii) your suggested regression model (dependent variable, independent variables).

The report should be typed (double-spaced). The main body of the paper should not exceed 10 pages. The format of the report may look like an academic journal paper. It contains sections of (i) introduction, (ii) literature survey and discussion of the data, (iii) regression model, (iv) estimation results and interpretations and (v) summary or concluding remarks. In addition to the main body of the paper, a separate title page containing authors should be added. Reference lists and tables could be appended. But do not use computer printouts for tables of the report. You will get more information about the format of a research paper as we work on case studies in class.

### **Deadlines:**

Team assignment	Week 5
A proposal submission	Week 6
Final report submission	Last Week

**Grade for the empirical project:**

Topic	35%
Competence of your analysis (Idea of the topic, econometric method, interpretation)	45%
Writing and required format	20%

It time permits; prepare your-self to present your project to the class. During the last week of classes, I will schedule your presentation. Each team member must make equal contributions to the project and give an equal part of the presentation. In this case, the grade for the project will be assigned as follows:

Topic	35%
Competence of your analysis (Idea of the topic, econometric method, interpretation)	30%
Writing and required format	20%
Presentation	15%

Other rules may be added during the semester.