

Final Paper Instructions

March 11, 2020

PPPA 8022 – Spring 2020

The paper is due **Friday April 24 by 5 pm**. See syllabus for late policy – which is quite draconian. Do not expect full credit if you turn in the paper after 5 pm.

How to submit the paper

Turn in the paper in hard and soft copy

- If we are meeting in person, then bring
 - your paper
 - a copy of the original paper
 - your program(s), ideally as a log file (if too long, soft copy is fine)
- Soft copy
 - Upload all three documents to [this folder](#)
 - Please name all files [lastname]_[paper/log.file/orginal.paper].docx/pdf so I can figure out whose is whose

Don't Plagiarize

In both the paper and the presentation, a good rule of thumb to avoid plagiarism is to not use more than three words in a row from any source. See [this](#) helpful guide on what paraphrasing is and is not.

Mechanics

The final paper should

- be between 10 and 15 pages double-spaced, normal margins (not including tables and figures)
- appropriately cite references
 - quote if you're using the exact wording
 - cite if you are referencing ideas
- explain why you did or did not replicate the author(s)'s work
- be substantially explicable without my reading the original article
- cite data sources as appropriate, which could include relegating to an appendix if that's easier
- include a bibliography as needed
- put all tables and figures at the end (these do not count toward the page limit)
- make the comparison between your work and the author(s)'s clear in the table, figures and text
- use the active, not passive voice (not “the data were assembled,” but “I assembled the data”)

Remember that this class focuses on issues of causality. You need to focus on these issues in your paper and presentation.

You don't need an abstract or cover page.

For formatting of citations, please use the standard economics formatting, which you can see in any of the working papers on my [website](#), or in any NBER [working paper](#).

Please note at the top whether you'd be comfortable if I used your paper as an example for future students (and feel absolutely no obligation to do so).