

Final Remarks and Suggestion About the Final Term Papers

The most important thing to keep in mind when writing your paper is that I am not looking for “a good paper,” but “a good paper that uses the tools developed in class.”

A good paper that does not use the tools will likely get a B- or C, assuming that it is good.

It is really easy to use our tools to analyze many public economics issues, but some issues are not as easy to analyze with the tools as others. So, although you can write about any topic on the website list, be sure to think about how to use the tools to analyze the problem/issue tackled.

Generally, the grades of papers that use the tools will be a variety of B (B-, B, B+).

If you want to do worse simply (1) ignore the tools, (2) plagiarize or (3) do not take the paper seriously and send in a 3 page triple spaced paper.

Remember to (1) include references, (2) include diagrams or game matrices, (3) submit the paper by the due date next week, (4) name your paper EC441_Paper_your last name, and (5) submit it in word/doc format (pdf is acceptable but much harder to grade on screen than a word document).

After the deadline and your submission, keep an eye out for email from me. If there is a problem with your paper, I'll write you the next day or the day after (it usually takes me two afternoons to read through all the papers).