

Research project details for EE461

Objectives:

To produce a term paper that can be developed into a seminar paper or a senior project in the future.

Grade:

The paper is counted as 25% of the total points of this class.

You can form a group, maximum of 5 people. Although, the number of people of a group doesn't usually correlate with the quality of the paper, I will factor in the number of people in a group into how each paper is graded.

Topics:

Any topic related to development economics, not limited to the content we cover in class

Examples of the styles of research project:

(a.) You can find and use secondary data (or collect your own primary data) and do some analyses in order to answer your research question(s).

(b.) You can create, design, and implement any innovation/intervention to help the poor to have a better living.

These are examples only, your research design is not limited to the above suggestions.

Composition of the paper:

1. Introduction: clear research question, the importance of the problem (motivation), the contribution to the literature
2. Literature Review
3. Data and methodology (for example, you can describe how you will use data to answer your research question), or the design of your innovation/intervention (if option (b.))
4. Your analyses and results discussion, or the discussion of how your innovation solves the problem (if option (b.))
5. Conclusion

Number of pages:

The reference point is 15 pages. However, the number of pages is not what really matters. You need to produce the work that is as concise as possible, but can answer your questions/objectives