

Final Paper Instructions

April 9, 2014

PPPA 6022 – Spring 2014

The paper is due the last day of class, April 23, 2014.

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
- 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")

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 (<https://sites.google.com/site/homeleahbrooks/>).

Turn in the paper in hard and soft copy

- Hard copy: in class, with a copy of the original paper so I can look at it in tandem with what you've turned in
- Soft copy: on Blackboard, under "Projects," and the assignment is called "Final Paper." (This is the first time I've done this, so please let me know ASAP if anything seems to be going haywire.)

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).