

Economics 103 — Spring 2018

International Monetary Relations

# Writing Assignment 1

## *Writing in Your Own Voice*

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**Due:** Fri, April 20, before 5:00pm  
**Submit through TritonEd under Turnitin**

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This writing assignment illustrates how to use others' work appropriately and ethically.<sup>1</sup> Your writing needs to make evident to your reader which ideas and statements are your own, and which ideas and statements you report from your readings.

### Readings

Go to Indiana University's plagiarism resource page: <http://www.indiana.edu/~istd/examples.html>. There are five examples of *word-for-word* plagiarism, and five examples of *paraphrasing* plagiarism.

**Read** all ten examples carefully, and make sure you understand the explanations. **Ask** yourself: "How can I be plagiarizing if I didn't use any words from the source?" Pay special attention to the *paraphrasing* plagiarism. Plagiarism is often thought of as word-for-word only, so the examples that document plagiarism without copying phrases from sources are particularly important to understand.

Here is an excerpt from Henry (2007) on the consequences of capital account liberalization:<sup>2</sup>

In contrast to existing surveys, this article demonstrates that a critical reading of the literature reveals that the textbook theory of liberalization stands up to the data quite well. It is true that most papers find no effect of liberalization on growth. But these papers tell us nothing about the empirical validity of the theory. They perform purely cross-sectional regressions that look for a positive correlation between capital account openness and economic growth, implicitly testing whether capital account policy has permanent effects on differences in long-run growth rates across countries. The fundamental problem with this approach is that the neoclassical model provides no theoretical basis for conducting such tests. The model makes no predictions about the correlation between capital account openness and long-run growth rates across countries, and certainly does not suggest the causal link needed to justify cross-sectional regressions.

### Writing

Suppose you are writing about the effects of capital account liberalization, and you want to use the information from this excerpt. **Write** a paragraph for such a paper, using the information in the excerpt above, in three versions: 1) The first version of the paragraph should contain "word for word" plagiarism of the excerpt. 2) The second version of the paragraph should contain "paraphrasing" plagiarism of the excerpt. 3) The third version should use the excerpt correctly, without plagiarism: paraphrase, don't quote, the information you use from the excerpt. Finally, write a brief explanation of what's wrong with each of the first two paragraphs.

### References

**Henry, Peter Blair.** 2007. "Capital Account Liberalization: Theory, Evidence, and Speculation." *Journal of Economic Literature*, 45(4): 887–935.

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<sup>1</sup>The original assignment design was by Sarah Stockwell (UC San Diego) and has been adapted by Matt Nelson (UC San Diego).

<sup>2</sup>The full article is available at <https://doi.org/10.1257/jel.45.4.887>.