

What goes into a term paper?

Abstract: 100+ word summary. The intelligent economist reader should be able to read this and be able to summarize what you've studied and concluded.

Introduction (preferably titled something else). What is the issue? Why is this an interesting question? What are the scientific issues? What are the policy issues?

Literature review. What is the state of knowledge? What are opposing views? Summarize models in the literature.

Your model. Theoretical statement; what are the major factors and how do they relate? Why does your model make sense? How does it make progress over previous work?

Econometric model. How does the estimable econometric model relate to the underlying theory?

Data. What are they? Source. Where do they come from? Dates. Frequency. Completeness. Reliability.

Results. Summarize and Give details. Explain implications. Qualifications --- limitations. Econometric evaluation. Testing.

Conclusions. Summarize again, briefly, the results. Scientific conclusions. Policy implications. Avenues for further research.

Bibliography.

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