

ECON 184: Guidelines for the presentation

1 Presentation

1.1 Themes

1. The role of Oil in the Nigerian economy.
2. Violence and economic development in Sierra Leone.
3. Microeconomic impacts of South Africa's Old Age Pension program.
4. Explaining Africa's success story: Botswana.
5. Diamonds and War in Congo.
6. Zimbabwe and land reform in Southern Africa.
7. Uganda and HIV reduction policies.
8. School fees and education in Mozambique.
9. The economic consequences of the genocide in Rwanda.
10. Post-conflict development in Angola.

1.2 Description

- Students will work on groups of three.
- I encourage you to find your partners.
- What to do:
 - Establish the main issues for the topic.
 - Describe the problem (or the policy).
 - What are the expected effect (use economic theory).
 - How can you measure the effects? Empirical evidence.
 - What are the important consequences? Policy implications?

- Unless **essential** to your presentation, don't allocate much time talking about
 - Geography: Location, size, population, main products, main exports, etc.
 - History: independence, colonial government, etc..
 - Institutions: political organization, wars, etc.

1.3 Important dates

- **January 14:** Groups should be formed and a ranking of the topics must be provided.
- **January 15:** Group-topic match and presentation dates are announced (online). If needed I will assign you to a group.
- **February 4:** A two-page report with the main questions that the presentation will address is due. The report should include the structure of the presentation and a brief description of each section. A list of journal articles and other references should be provided.
- **March 9, 11 and X :** presentations during class and an extra day (to be determined now). Attendance is mandatory.
- **March 15:** Written summary is due. More later.

1.4 Presenting

- All presentations will take place during the last week of classes.
- Three presentations per class.
- Each group will have 25mins to present (time yourself before presenting).
- Feel free to use any type of media for your presentations.
- An electronic copy will be posted afterwards on the course website.
- Make sure you send me a PDF copy right after the presentation. Failing to do so will go against your grade.

1.5 Sources

- Make sure you include a slide (or more) with the references.
- Cite at least 5 documents (not just websites).
- Feel free to ask for references during my office hours.
- The syllabus has some information about sources.
- You can find more from The World Bank, International Monetary Fund, UN, African Development Bank.
- Through the UCR library you can have access to the World Development Indicators (WDI.)
- Some links can be found through the course blog (<http://appliedmicro.blogspot.com>)
- Please, do not include Wikipedia as your source of information.

2 Written summary

1. A 10-page narrative summarizing your presentation is due on **March 15** no latter than 5:00pm PT (sharp).
2. This will be an electronic submission using ilearn.
3. Format: 12pt font, double-sided, 1in margin on all sides.
4. The paper must include a list of references, properly cited (not included in the 10-page limit).
5. You can include figures and tables as long as they are properly described in the text. The tables must have a 10pt font and single-spaced.
6. It is recommended that you divide the paper into sections for clarity.

3 Academic integrity

- Please, make sure you know the rules about academic integrity.
- Cite the work by others appropriately.
- If unsure, read this document:

<http://www.conduct.ucr.edu/learnPolicies/Pages/AcademicIntegrity.aspx>