

**ECONOMICS 210C / ECONOMICS 236A
MONETARY HISTORY**

PAPER REQUIREMENT

Nature of the Paper

The key requirement for the course is preparation of a serious research paper. The paper should seek to be a genuine contribution to knowledge, not a summary of the existing literature. Such contributions to knowledge can take many forms – a theoretical analysis, an empirical study, a substantive comment on an important paper. They can also vary greatly in length – from perhaps 10 pages to 25 pages or more.

You may, after consulting with us, co-author the paper or submit a paper that also satisfies another requirement, such as the econometrics paper or a thesis chapter. However, we expect joint work or papers for multiple purposes to reflect a proportionately greater amount of effort.

Timetable

1. Proposal

You must run your topic by one or both of us by Friday, October 14, 2005. If you cannot make it to our office hours, please schedule an appointment.

You should email both of us a written proposal of 1 to 3 pages at least two days before coming to see us. (Our email addresses are cromer@econ.berkeley.edu and dromer@econ.berkeley.edu.)

2. Presentations

Registered students (and any auditors who would like to speak) will give a 15-minute presentation of their research idea and progress to date on November 8 or November 15. (We will schedule an additional meeting if there is excess demand for slots.)

Visual aids are likely to aid listeners in following your presentation. Overheads or handouts are probably easiest. PowerPoint presentations are fine, but you are responsible for making sure that your slide show is working before the start of class. (If you want to use PowerPoint, please let us know beforehand so that we can reserve a projector.)

3. Due Date

The final paper is due on Friday, December 9th. A no-cost extension to Monday, December 12th will be granted as long as you have been working steadily. An extension past December 12th will result in a stiff penalty.