

**ECONOMICS 210C / ECONOMICS 236A  
MACROECONOMIC 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. If the paper satisfies another requirement, you must also obtain permission from the instructor in charge of that requirement.

**Timetable**

**1. Proposal**

You must run your topic by one or both of us by Friday, October 7. 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](mailto:cromer@econ.berkeley.edu) and [dromer@econ.berkeley.edu](mailto:dromer@econ.berkeley.edu).)

**2. Presentations**

Registered students will give a 15-minute presentation of their research idea and progress to date on November 5 or November 12. If there are more students than we can accommodate in those two class meetings, we will schedule an additional meeting.

If you want to use PowerPoint, you e-mail your slides to us by the day before your presentations.

**3. Due Date**

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