

# **Econometrics 2, 2011**

## **Guidelines for grading the term paper**

### **QD. Research question and data** **up to 3 points**

Is the research question a meaningful one? Is the dataset adequate for answering the research question?

- Those who consulted me about topic and data should get full credit for this

### **EA. Econometric analysis** **up to 10 points**

Conditional on research question and data, is the final (most preferred) model the best one?

- Functional form
- Partial effects, average partial effects (if nonlinear)
- Standard errors
- Panel data: OLS/RE/FE/FD, cluster errors?
- Time Series: stationarity, dynamic specification
- Control variables (do they belong there, would something else should be there from data at hand?)

### **IR. Motivation of method and interpretation of results** **up to 5 points**

Why the particular method? What is the relationship between the research question and the estimates from the final model?

- Endogeneity, potential source(s), signing the bias
- Measurement error, signing the bias (if applicable)
- Magnitude of estimated effects, statistical significance
- From raw correlations to final model, and its implications for interpreting the final results

### **PF. Presentation format** **up to 3 points**

- Structure (abstract, motivation, conclusion)
- Language
- Data description
- Tables (appendix if necessary)
- Graphs (if applicable)

### **EX. Something extra** **up to and extra 5 points (as long as total remains below 25 points)**

This is the most subjective part of the evaluation.

- Novel research question
- Own data
- Nonstandard econometric method
- Something nice (title, motivation, policy conclusion)

**MAXIMUM TOTAL: 25 points**

Notes

- Passing the course requires getting at least 13 points on the term paper.
- Plagiarism leads to zero points. See more here: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plagiarism>