

Econ Term Papers/ Commentaries:

Microeconomics-2302

Students produce two term paper/ commentaries, based on published extracts from the news media. The extracts may be from a newspaper, a journal or the internet, but must not be from television or radio broadcasts. Each article must be based on different topics of the syllabus (circular flow production possibilities model, supply and demand, elasticity, consumer choice theory, different market structures such as perfect competition, monopoly, monopolistic and oligopoly).

Term papers/commentaries in economics enable students to demonstrate the application of their knowledge and understanding of economic theory to real-world situations. They do this through the preparation and completion of a portfolio.

The portfolio:

- allows students to follow contemporary issues
- allows students to explore theories in more detail
- can be used as a motivating factor, increasing the liveliness and relevance of classroom sessions. Because it does not add any content to the syllabus, it can be a natural part of classroom and homework activities
- is a way of rewarding student enthusiasm and achievements during the learning process

Criterion: Rubric requirements

- This criterion assesses the extent to which the student meets the five rubric requirements for the complete portfolio.
 - Each commentary does not exceed 800 words.
 - Each article is based on different topics of the syllabus.
 - Each article is taken from a different and appropriate source.
 - Each article was published no earlier than six months before the writing of the commentary.

Responsibilities of the student

It is the responsibility of the student to:

- choose the articles independently
- meet deadlines in syllabus
- acknowledge all sources of information and ideas using a recognized academic format
- include a coversheet for each commentary.

It is strongly recommended that students:

- start work early

- pay careful attention to the assessment criteria
- consult news media sources regularly
- check and proofread the final version of each commentary carefully