Applied Economics
Thesis Guidelines

Proposal Format (1 - 2 pages)

a. Hypothesis to be tested
Briefly explain the hypothesis to be tested

b. Previous Work
Briefly sketch and cite the most important previous works on this subject.

c. Research Design and Methods
Describe the research design and the procedures to be used to accomplish the specific aims of the project. Specify precisely what data will be used. Describe any new methodology and its advantage over existing studies.

d. Conclusions expected
Briefly summarize the conclusions expected from the project.

e. References
Bibliography of all works cited.

Final Paper Format (15-20 pages):

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Name of student:

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Attach proposal as part of this agreement. Signatures mean that the student has written the proposal; that the instructor will mentor the proposal; and the Program Director approves the proposal.

The instructor should contact the Program Director to settle the financial arrangements when the research paper has been approved by him and the Program Director.

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