

Guidelines for Term Paper

Economic Development of Latin America University of Houston Economics 3358

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The term paper should choose a particular issue to study and a particular country in Latin America. For example, the paper can cover topics such as: “The Role of Trade in Chile,” “The Impact of NAFTA on Income Inequality in Mexico,” “Hyperinflation in Brazil,” “The Impact of Privatization in Argentina,” or “Oil in the Venezuelan Economy.”

The paper should be between 10 and 15 pages. The paper should include:

- (i) Title page
- (ii) Introduction
- (iii) Background on the history and economy of the country.
- (iv) Description of the issue that you will discuss and how it relates to the country you are studying.
- (v) Discussion of the policies the government has enacted or plans to enact to address the problem and an analysis of these policies from the perspective of a development economist.
- (vi) Conclusion summarizing major points.

You must cite your sources throughout the paper with the author and copyright date, whether or not you are citing specific facts, e.g., (Bulmer-Thomas, 1998). If you are quoting directly from the author, you should also include quotation marks with the page number indicated, (Bulmer-Thomas, 2003, pp.16-18). Similarly, even if you are not using the author’s exact same words but you are citing specific facts, you should cite the author, copyright date, and page number. “Plagiarism” is when you present the words or ideas of others as your own. Plagiarism is a violation of the University of Houston’s honor code, and if you plagiarize you may be expelled from the University.

Relevant sources to find information for your term paper include books, newspapers and magazine articles and scholarly journal articles. For newspaper and magazine articles see, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *The Economist*, *U.S. News and World Report*, or *LANIC*. Scholarly journals which may help include: *World Development*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Journal of Development Areas*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, and *Journal of Development Economics*. Other good sources are articles in the World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank Working paper series (these are available on the web). Possible sources of data include: the *World*

Development Report of the World Bank, the *UN Statistical Tables*, the *UN Human Development Report*, and the *World Financial Outlook* (all published yearly).

You must get approval from me on your topic. The last few weeks of classes will be devoted to short class presentations of the papers.

The term paper will be due the last day of class, **Thursday, December 4th**.