Economics 3334: Intermediate Macroeconomics
Spring 2008
Final Paper

Read any of the assigned articles and write a 1000-1200 word paper about one of them. For this assignment you should:

1. Summarize the author’s main points in your own words. Please be aware that using exact sentences (without quotation marks) from the article in your paper is plagiarism. It is ok to use quotes SPARINGLY, but you should concentrate on describing the main points of the article in your words. A helpful hint: you may want to assume you are explaining the article to a friend who has never taken any economics courses.

2. Identify and explain two or three relevant economic concepts from our text and/or lecture that you find in the article.

3. Present your personal evaluation/reaction to the article.

4. Use the relevant economic theory (i.e. model) that we discussed in class to analyze the main points of the article. (note that this is different from the article summary instructions; make certain you address this point in the writing assignment)

Format your article summary as follows:

- Type your paper on a computer and print it out on standard, white 8.5 x 11-inch paper.
- Double-space the text of your paper, and use a legible 12 pt. font like Times New Roman or Courier.
- Set the margins of your document to 1 inch on all sides. Indent the first line of a paragraph one half-inch (five spaces or press tab once) from the left margin.
- In the upper left-hand corner of the first page, list your name, your instructor's name (Vollrath), the course (ECON 3334), the section number (03 or 04), and the date.
- Center a title. Don't underline your title or put it in quotation marks; it should read “Writing Assignment for ECON 3334”.
