

One Pagers

Homeworks for ECON 741 are all what I call **one pagers**. A one pager, is about one-page long, double or single and a half spaced, and about 12-13 point fonts. A little longer or shorter is OK.

Every lecture has several readings associated with it. Your task is to choose a paper that you find of interest and write up a brief overview of **the three main points and three main weaknesses of the paper** that you've chosen to review. Each weakness and each main point can be in bullet or paragraph form, but should be relatively short and clear. Each "bullet point" should be about 2-3 sentences, or just a bit longer.

The one pagers are supposed to be written without AI help either in summarizing the paper read, in proposing an outline of strengths and weaknesses, or in writing up the assignment. The aim of the homework is to sharpen your ability to distill a paper into main points and to increase your ability to critically access a paper. (It is from the main weaknesses, that many ideas for research papers emerge.)

At the top of the page should be the title of the paper that you are reading and your name. The rest should be the "one pager."

A one-pager is due essentially every week during the semester except the week before and after exam days and in the last week of the semester.

With the review, exam, and return periods, it only amounts to about 3 for the first half of the course and 3 for the second half of the course, which is much less than normal—partly because of the shift of the exams to class time and partly because of the one-meeting a week format of this year's class.