

ESSAY GUIDELINES

1. I should be able to tell from reading the first page of your essay exactly what is your hypothesis.
2. In your essay, you need to present the growth accounting for some country (or countries) during a period of economic crisis and discuss what you learn from this growth accounting.
3. Most essays should also present the results of the model from problem sets 1 and 2 that takes productivity as exogenous using the data for your country or countries during the period of interest. You should graph paths for output per working age person, hours worked per working age person, and the capital-output ratio. You should discuss what you learn from this modeling exercise.
4. The essay should be 15-18 pages, typed and one-and-a-half or double spaced, not counting the cover page.
5. You should include a reference section with your sources listed in some standard bibliographical form. One possibility is to choose a journal in economics and to follow its rules. You can imitate the style used in the references in a paper in the journal, or you can look for the journal's rules online. See, for example, the instructions at the bottom of http://people.bu.edu/rking/JME_files/JMEauthorguide.htm for the rules used by the *Journal of Monetary Economics*. Any reference to an online source should include its URL.
6. Please refer to your sources in the text where it is appropriate.
7. If you are making graphs for your essay in MS Excel and copying them into your document, you will probably find it easiest to do so using the Paste Special command and copying each graph as a picture. Doing this makes it much easier to change the size and position of each graph. It also keeps the disk size of your document to a manageable size.
8. You should submit your essay to the office of the Department of Economics, 4-100 Hanson Hall by noon on Wednesday, 23 December.
9. Send me the MS Excel files that you have used for your growth accounting and for your model, if you have used one. My e-mail address is tkehoe@umn.edu. Make the title of your message "files for Econ 4033 essay."