

## Final Paper Guidelines

This project was designed for you to demonstrate your knowledge of GLM techniques and to hone your academic writing skills, and for me to assess your achievement of the course learning goals and objectives. There is no required length (minimum or maximum), and no required format but try to adhere to a format commonly used in your subfield. Feel free to copy and paste some from your assignments (this is not self-plagiarism in this case), but your final paper should be self-contained and cohesive. I don't need your .do file but save it in case we (or you) need to reference it later (it should be readily available if I request it). This paper should be written as if you were writing a journal article.

### **Introduction & Background** (5-points)

Explained why expected relationship between DV and IV

Discussed why certain controls should (or shouldn't) be considered

Included clear research question

Included at least one hypothesis

Note: I encourage you to use as many substantive citations as you like, and of course where they are needed to avoid any plagiarism. However, substantive accuracy will not be assessed, because there are too many interests that I have little or no background in. Overall, the front-end should focus on providing enough information to aid in the reader's (my) meaningful interpretation of results. You can write this under one section, split into multiple sections, and/or include as many subsections as you see fit.

### **Data & Methods** (40-points)

Described the dataset and provided enough context for interpretation of results

Discussed how the analytic sample was obtained

Included description of missing data

Described all measures used, including justification for recoding of original measures

Included detailed description of analytic approach(es)

Explained why this analytic approach was an appropriate choice (maybe compared to others)

Note: Your analytic approach must involve at least one GLM technique that we covered in this course. Make sure to demonstrate a solid understanding of your selected GLM technique(s). You can write this under one section, split into multiple sections, and/or include as many subheadings as you see fit.

### **Results** (50-points)

Provided a table of descriptive statistics that included all involved measures

Included accurate written summary of descriptive statistics

Provided table(s) of GLM results that included appropriate postestimation statistics

Show odds ratios, marginal effects, and predicted probabilities

Included accurate written summary of GLM results

Any figures (not required) added to the understanding of results and were accurately discussed

Note: All tables and figures should be appropriately numbered, titled, and intuitive. Do NOT copy table output from Stata. Explain, in text, all included tables and figures.

### **Discussion & Limitations** (20-points)

Explained results in relation to theory (background section) and hypothesis

Simply focus on adding context

Described limitations of the study with emphasis on data and analytic approach

### **Overall** (5-points)

Well-written, free from grammatical and spelling errors, easily interpretable tables and figures