ECON 134 FALL 2022

Economic Outlook & Presentation

Two students can work as a team and choose a country (non-US) or region of your interest and report its economic conditions based on the most recent data available. Collect data on the key economic indicators, present their patterns and provide your descriptions/interpretation for each indicator, including an outlook for the economy. **Time series trends and cross-country comparisons are recommended**.

Each team has ten minutes allotted for in-class presentation. On the presentation date, please arrive early to download your slides in the classroom computer (or use USB drive). Make sure your audience can see your slides clearly and hear your voice. Each group presentation is followed by a 2-3 min Q&A.

All information (data, statistics, graphs, explanations) must be properly cited and sourced, both on each slide and in the reference. Violation of Academic Honesty and Integrity Codes will result in a grade reduction.

Economic outlook must present current economic conditions as well as near-future outlooks. Focus on the most essential economic indicators in the following five categories:

- National income/output
- Labor market conditions
- Price level and inflation
- Money and interest rates
- Financial markets (optional)

Prepare your presentation in no more than 15 PPT slides and submit the document in Moodle before your presentation date. No email submission, no resubmission and no late submission will be accepted.

PPT Formatting

- 1. Front/title page
 - 1) Economic Outlook title (large font size) and position (centering)
 - 2) Course information: title, section, instructor, and semester
 - 3) Student name, affiliation, email contact, presentation date
- 2. Outline page and page numbering
 - 1) List four/five sections on the second page
 - 2) Number all slides in numerical order
- 3. Main text and slides
 - 1) Adopt the same font type and size for the title for all slides
 - 2) Adopt the same (visible) font size for the main text for all slides
- 4. References and Citations: Both in the main text as well as in the reference page, all information shall be accurately presented and all data sources properly cited.
- 5. Refer to Academic Integrity and Citation for citation format.
- 6. Double check all spelling and grammar mistakes before submission

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References

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