

Final Report for *Independent Research*

Each student enrolled in this course is required to write a 5,000-word *literature review report*, and to submit it on 10AM, 20th May, 2019, to Joyce Office (Room 840). No late submission (for whatever the excuses like "flash disk is not working, laptop broken, don't know the deadline") is allowed. [Late submission extension should be *handwritten*, stating clearly the reasons, and submitted to Joyce Office at least ONE WEEK before the deadline.](#) If there is no late submission application by 10 AM, 13th May, 2019, it is assumed that all students would submit their reports as scheduled.

- You can choose any topic covered in this course, and need to specify your title of the report. For example, title like "Research on International Finance" is too general, which is impossible to complete a literature review report within 5,000-word.
- The literature review should be print out in A4 paper, stapled on the left upper corner, with a *handwritten* individual assignment cover sheet.
- The report should includes *abstract*, with three *key words* separated by semicolon, *table of contents*, *body* with 5,000 words, and *reference list* in a sequential order.
- **Format requirements:** The font is "Palatino Linotype" for the whole report, including abstract, key words, table of contents, body and reference list. The font size is 12pt. Line spread is 1.10. Page number "x/xx" in the middle of the footnote, where the first *x* is the current page number, and *xx* is the total page numbers.
- **Reference requirements:** Students are required to use *Harvard Reference System*. **All** quoted reference in this report should be listed in an alphabet order in *reference list*. Missing 5 reference in *reference list* is considered as serious violation of *Academic Honesty Policy*.
- **Content requirements:** (1) Students are required to read at least 30 articles published by academic journals, for example, *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Econometrics*, *Econometrica*, *Journal of Finance*, *Journal of Monetary Economics*, and so forth. Articles in *newspapers*, *web sites*, or *blogs* cannot be quoted in this report. (2) In this report, students are required to report what kind of research of your field has been done recently. In this sense, at least **5-8 articles should be published in 2017 or 2018**. (3) In the *body*,

students are required to structure it as at least with three parts: (a) introduction, to state clearly what your research field is, with 300 - 400 words at most; (b) literature review; (c) concluding remarks, with 300 words at most.

Noted that

- If you choose any topic that is NOT related to this course (remember this course is conducted by Finance Faculty), your report is graded ZERO.
- Report that does not contain either abstract, key words, table of contents, or reference list could be deducted by 10 points.
- Report that does not follow *format requirements* could be deducted by 20 points. **Complaining print store has different version of word processor is NOT ACCEPTED.**
- Report that does not follow *Harvard Reference System* could be graded ZERO, because you violate *Academic Honesty Policy* of this University.
- Report that does not follow *Content requirements* could be deducted by 50 points at least.
- Student that either fails to submit the report, or fails to submit a qualified report could not have a chance for resubmission, but only to retake the course again.
- **Students who are absent from the last lecture (5th May, 2019) cannot use "I don't the requirement" excuse to avoid the aforementioned penalty.**