

ps1: describe your research ideas

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1. Discuss your research ideas—as with final presentation—it may be either your own research, or lit rev / critique of others' research or both.
2. Focus on key research questions (which general and specific questions you want to answer) [3.3], data used (at least what a suitable dataset/variables would be; ideally give me the dataset/variables names) [3.3], significance (why is it important to study what you study) [3.3].
3. I want you to think about research you want to carry out or critique (lit rev) in this class for final project. So in this ps, you don't need a crystallized final idea, but i need to see some thought process and ideas. I will give you then comments which hopefully should help you move your ideas towards something manageable and executable.
4. Typically around one page
5. Btw, start doing literature review now! Takes time and you always have to do it for any research project (quant, qual, theory, lit rev, etc); there will be ps soon and final presentation that has to have lit rev

general directions (always the same):

- ps is due in Canvas by the beginning of the class
- keep it short; max: 5 single spaced pages; typically way less, say 1 or 2
- if you are stuck, email me early! also email if you want some feedback and make sure you are on the right track, etc
- show your work, a “naked” number won't do! unless indicated otherwise, always do calculations by hand
- likewise, numbers should be interpreted—we are not only interested in calculating values of interest, but we are interested in their meaning! whenever you calculate your final quantity if interest, interpret it!
- if your handwriting is bad, please type
- i may want to discuss your assignment in class, which should be beneficial to you and give you more feedback; if however, you'd like to keep it private, let me know!
- numbers in brackets are relative importance of each item for grading; adds up to 10