

## Guidelines for Preparing Project Write-ups

Your project write-up should consist of two parts:

Part One (approx 25%): Powerpoint presentation of results.

- Slides should describe the motivation for the project, your empirical approach, data, results, and conclusions.
- Try to present your results clearly and concisely.
- Do not cut and paste Stata output.
- Be creative – maximize the ratio of “information to ink.” Remember the old saying, a picture (or bar chart, graph, or histogram) is worth a thousand regression tables.
- You should not require more than 10-15 slides, depending on the project.

Part Two (approx 75%): Annotated Stata Log file.

- You should create a do-file that contains your program starting from the raw data all the way through robustness checking.
- If you execute your do-file and save the output as a log file, you will have a complete record of your analysis and all results.
- You should save this file into MS Word and then annotate it.
- Tell me about your research strategy, how you cleaned the data, and how you chose your methods.
- Remember, good research methods usually do not require dozens of regressions. Show me how you can get convincing results without running every possible regression.
- Explain your results and interpret the magnitudes.
- If you perform a specific type of test more than once (e.g., partial F-test), you need only provide a detailed explanation once.
- If you have puzzling or ambiguous results, point them out. (I will notice them and deduct points if you do not.)
- You should not require more than 3-5 pages of annotation (interspersed throughout the log file).
- Tell me which results are robust and why.