

Short-Paper Guidelines for NS 3041
Comparative Economic Systems
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1. The purpose of a short-paper is to expose the student to a field of study that may be outside the student's area of interest or expertise.
2. The student will be assigned the short-paper topic by the instructor through a blind lottery without replacement, that is, the student's name will be drawn from the pool of student names and not placed back into the pool after selection.
3. The short-paper is an assigned paper that will not exceed 10 pages and will be completed within two weeks of being assigned. The minimum length for a short-paper is five pages.
4. The short-paper will consist of an introduction, review of the literature, and summary of findings and conclusions. The body of the paper shall consist of the literature review, which shall examine three to five papers of the student's choice relating to the research question.
5. The introduction shall review the topic, provide a thesis statement, and motivate the review of the literature. The introduction should be no longer than 3 paragraphs and no more than 2 pages out of a maximum of 10 pages.
6. The literature review will consist of an introduction noting which articles will be reviewed by the student. The literature review will consist of a review of the primary findings of the articles and, more importantly, a critique of the articles reviewed by the student. The student shall limit quotations from the reviewed articles to no more than two sentences per article. The student shall write at least one paragraph of critique on each article. Merely repeating the body of the article and the findings of the article is not sufficient.
7. The summary and conclusion will consist of at least 3 paragraphs of analysis on the articles read by the student. The student is free to present their own beliefs in this section and argue a point of view contrary to that presented in the reviewed articles. The summary and conclusion should be a minimum of 1 page for a 10 page paper.
8. The student will select an appropriate style guide (APA, Turabian, Chicago Manual of Style) and follow it consistently, to include citation and bibliography of articles.