

## Presentation Pointers (Prospectus)

You will have a maximum of four minutes to present your research topic and proposal to the class. This time limit will be strictly enforced. Your presentation should be completed using Power Point. I will provide you with a clicker to scroll through your slides.

All presentations must be sent to me via e-mail using the following format: LastName\_AS#2.ppt (or pptx).

The deadlines for submitting the presentation are as follows:

	<u>Presentation day/time</u>	<u>Deadline for submitting presentation via e-mail</u>
Section 1	Monday 1:30-2:25pm	Monday at 9am
Section 1	Wednesday 1:30-2:45pm	Wednesday at 9am
Section 4	Wednesday 5:30-8:20pm	Wednesday at 3pm

Failure to send your presentation on time will mean you lose the opportunity to present, and your grade on assignment #2 will reflect this. Also, you must attend all of the presentations in your section. You will be completing at least one anonymous evaluation of a classmate during this time. These assignments will be given to you in class.

### What your presentation should include:

- I. Motivation for your topic.  
State why it is of interest to economists and why the topic lends itself to economic analysis.
- II. State your research question.  
Remember, this should be stated as a testable hypothesis – with a clear dependent and independent variable in mind.
- III. Use an economic theory to explain what you expect to find.  
Please note, you should have no mention of data or a regression equation in your economic model. Think back to the models you learned in ECON1A, 1B, 100A, 100B and upper division electives.
- IV. Clearly summarize the methods used in the one (or two) empirical paper(s) that served as the basis for your prospectus.  
This will help the audience understand how others have addressed the research question and general topic.
- V. Describe the data you plan to use in your research project  
Identify your dependent variable.  
Identify any relevant independent (explanatory) variables.  
Identify the source of your data.

Since you have only four minutes, you should aim for your presentations to have no more than five slides. Please note, cramming a lot of information onto a slide does not save you time. If you find that you have too much content, break it down to the essentials an audience member would need to follow your line of reasoning.