

# ECO 3325 – Latin American Economic Issues

## Research Presentation Directions

To truly master a subject, you should be able to explain it to your peers in succinct ways. You will be expected to present a 7-8 minutes presentation on your research paper. Your presentation must include the following as it relates to your specific paper:

- Introduction that outlines the issue
- Relevant data
- Economic theory from class
- A policy recommendation
- Conclusion that summarizes the main points of your paper

You will also be asked to dress in business casual. Presentation skills will also be graded. Specifically, you should focus on the following while presenting:

- Speaking clearly at a proper pace
- Making eye contact with your audience
- Avoiding “filler words”
- Concise slides
- Straight posture
- Staying on topic

You are expected to use at least one visual aid. Visual aids could include but are not limited to the whiteboard, PowerPoint, posters, and/or movies. These visual aids must help in the classes understanding of your chosen topic.

Presentations are seven to eight minutes long. Make sure to adjust for any questions that may arise during your presentation. You must submit your presentation

online by 3/29 by 9:40am. To submit your presentation, go to Blackboard, then the “Course Materials” tab, then click on the “Research Presentations” link. If you are using a PowerPoint, upload these slides. If you are not using slides, please upload the notes that you plan to use during your presentation. Although there will be three days of presentations, each student should be prepared to present on the first day. Specifically, the due date and presentation dates are listed below:

**Due Date for Research Project:**

March 29<sup>th</sup>

**Days for Presentations:**

March 29<sup>th</sup>

March 31<sup>th</sup>

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

The grading is broken down by the rubric on the next page, and a detailed timeline is below:

	<b>Excellent (20 Points)</b>	<b>Good (15 Points)</b>	<b>Needs Improvement (10 Points)</b>	<b>Below Standard (0 Points)</b>
<b>Comprehension of Topic</b>	Explanations are focused and clear.	Attempts made to show comprehension of topic	Presentation addresses some aspects of topic, but not fully on target.	Presentation is off topic.
<b>Visual Aids (Whiteboard, Powerpoint, Posters, etc.)</b>	Use of visual aids helped illustrate points clearly.	Attempts made to connect visual aids to presentation topics.	Visual aids did not relate to topics being discussed.	No visual aids were used.
<b>Professionalism and Presentation Skills</b>	Professional attire and attitude throughout.	Professional attire. Presentation skills were lacking in some areas.	Lack of either professional or presentation skills.	Not professional dressed. Low quality presentation skills.
<b>Ability to Answer Questions</b>	Questions are answered in a thoughtful, factually correct, and respectful way.	Some questions are answered in a thoughtful, factually correct, and respectful way.	Inability to answer a few questions posed.	Answers to questions are not relevant to the questions asked.
<b>Length</b>	Your presentation covered all the material you set out to cover in 7-8 minutes.	Your presentation was slightly less than or over the allotted time.	Your presentation was moderately shortly or longer than needed.	Your presentation was over 3 minutes off of the allotted time.