



Assessment Brief *for* The Term Paper

BCPM 0008: Construction Industry Development

Academic year 2020-21

Term Paper Topic

The assignment for course is to write an essay style term paper that answers the following question.

Background: *Solow Growth Model* and the *Hsieh–Klenow misallocation hypothesis* offer two competing explanations for why some countries remain persistently poor.

Question: Critically evaluate and compare *Solow Growth Model* and the *Hsieh–Klenow misallocation hypothesis*' explanation for why some countries remain persistently poor. Explain how infrastructure can raise per-capita income in the two aforementioned approaches.

Advice for the term paper

Please write the essay style term paper based on the course material covered in course. Please make sure that you have read and understood the *marking criteria* (given below) before you start writing your term paper.

It is important that your term paper reflects your knowledge of the course and your ability to build an argument based on your you knowledge. Please avoid rhetorical arguments and statements that are obvious and banal. It is a good idea to make sure that each sentence carries some information that either reflects your knowledge or builds an argument for the essay.

The term paper should also have a good introduction and conclusion. A good introduction should set the context for the essay. A good conclusion should convey the essential argument in the essay. It may also include any reflection you may have on the topic at hand.

Word Count

The word limits for the term paper is 1000 words. See the section on "*School's word limit policy*" below for details on which words count towards the word limit.

Submission Details

The submission deadline for the term paper is 3PM on 26th April 2021. You will find the link to the submission box on the course Moodle site.

Marking Criteria

The term paper would be assessed according to the following marking criteria.

Criteria	Weightage	Description of Criteria
Presentation	20%	A well written introduction and conclusion to the essay. Following the rules of formatting that are appropriate for long form writing, i.e., an essay.
Knowledge and Understanding	50%	The essay should reflect the author's familiarity with definitions of economic terms in the course material. The essay should reflect nuanced and critical understanding of the course material.
Ability to argue effectively	30%	Evidence of an ability to critically analyse the topic. Ability to build logically structured arguments. Ability to formulate an informed opinion on the topic.

Format Structure

- Please follow the standard long form writing style, i.e., no bullet points or abbreviations.
- Use a spellcheck before submitting the essay.
- Use footnotes only when absolutely necessary.
- References are only required when quoting material beyond the course material.
- For all references in the essay, please use the Harvard referencing style.

Submission filetype

The essay needs to be uploaded as a pdf file.

- If you choose to use *Word* or *Pages* to write the essay, please convert it to a pdf file before you submit it.
- If you choose to write your essay in Markdown or Latex, please convert it to pdf before you submit your essay.

School's word limit policy

The Bartlett School of Construction and Project Management has the following uniform policy on word limits apply to the term paper.

1. Please use the rules in the table below in terms of what counts and what does not count

Type of content	Counts towards word limit
Table of contents	No
Reference list or bibliography at the end	No
Cover page	No
Diagrams, annotated pictures, figures and any other visuals	No
Appendices	No
Abstract	No
Acknowledgements	No
Footnotes	Yes
Tables in the main text	Yes
In-text citations	Yes

2. *Leeway for the word limit:* Submissions with less than %10 or 150 extra words (whichever is smaller) won't be marked down for exceeding the word limit
3. *Penalties* (as per UCL Academic Manual):
 - Penalties due to over-length cannot be more than 10%,
 - Over-length penalty cannot take the student's mark below 'Pass Mark'
 - In the case the coursework that is submitted is over-length and is also late, the greater of any penalties will apply.

References

Hsieh, Chang-Tai, and Peter J. Klenow. "Misallocation and manufacturing TFP in China and India." *The Quarterly journal of economics* 124.4 (2009): 1403-1448.