

Research Methods 2 Project

2009-10

Component B is an applied project. This will be a project in which you apply the material of the module to an issue in economics, banking or finance.

The word limit for this project is 3000 words. You will need to agree a title (and consider the execution of the project) with the module leader and provide a written proposal containing the title and a description of the proposed project on 1 page of A4 **by 16th February 2010.**

To be handed in to the relevant box near BBS reception by 6th of May, 2010.

Structure: NB these weights are only indicative

Part A (80%)

1. Select a question of interest and relevance to you
2. Review very briefly the literature on that topic
3. Describe the methodology you are employing
4. Collect data (usually secondary) relevant to the issue
5. Prepare the data for analysis
6. Analyse the data using some techniques
7. Reach some conclusions

Part B (20%)

1. Reflect upon the methodology you have used
2. Suggest how you might improve upon your analysis

The notes in the handbook provide some advice on how to undertake a piece of applied econometrics using the skills learnt in the Econometrics and Research Methods courses. This can be complemented by Appendix A in Intriligator, Bodkin and Hsiao (1996).

While you do not need to use econometrics it still provides some valuable advice on how to plan, structure and write your project.