

Term Paper  
EEP 131  
Fall 2006

The term paper is a major part of this course (45% of the grade). The paper can be no longer than 12 pages, not including bibliography, title page, or any appendices that you wish to include. Please use the following format: 12 point font, regular margins, double spacing. The paper must also contain a title page (not numbered) that contains your name, the title of your paper, a 100 word (or less) abstract, and keywords. The page numbered "1" is the first page of the text of your paper, NOT the title page.

*In both of your progress reports and in your final paper, I want you to italicize your thesis statement.* (This sometimes called a "topic sentence"; it gives the reader a quick idea of what your paper is going to be about.)

By careful to attribute all sources. Plagiarism is one of the worst forms of academic dishonesty. If in doubt, cite. (Don't go crazy. If you take a bunch of information in a single paragraph from one source, but do not quote, one citation is enough. You don't have to use a cite for each sentence.) Footnotes can be used (sparingly) to explain a point that you want to leave out of the main text. Do not use footnotes for cites (as is done in law journals). When you refer to a source in your text, use the following format in the text: "Smith (2002) states that.." If you use a cite to support a statement, or as a basis for a summary, you can write what you want to say and then write (Smith, 2002) in parentheses after your discussion. This is a way of making an attribution without using a direct quote.

Your bibliography should be alphabetical by last name of first author, and each entry should be in the following form:

For a journal article

Smith, Susan (year) "Title of Paper", *Title of Journal* Volume and page number.

For a book:

Smith, Susan, (year) Title of book Publisher, City

For a web article

Smith, Susan (year) web address. (Note: If something is published in a journal, but you obtained the article from the web, e.g. from the course webpage or from an online source such as JSTOR, you must cite using the journal info, not the web address.)

You are free to choose the subject of the paper, provided that it concerns an environmental issue that is affected by globalization. The topic need not be one that is directly covered in the course. The course webpage contains examples of student papers from 2004 and 2005.

Here are some examples of general topics that you could refine into a term paper topic:

- Some aspect of an international environmental agreement (e.g., CITES, the Basel Convention, the Montreal Protocol).
- The effect of cultivation of a cash crop (e.g. coffee, cashews) on the environment in developing countries.
- The environmental and trade effects of (specific) agricultural subsidies (e.g., cotton).
- The effect of eco-labelling on consumption or production.
- The effect of a specific trade ban (e.g. on ivory); the pro's and con's of the trade ban.
- Environmental effects of aquaculture, and relation to trade.
- Trade in genetically modified (GM) commodities.
- The relation between immigration and the environment (e.g., the recent Sierra Club controversy)
- A comparison of the globalization views of different environmental groups
- Methods of managing common property resources and the effects on these methods of economic integration.

In general, it is a good idea to pick a rather narrow topic for your paper. Given the page restriction and the fact that the paper is due in December, it would be difficult to write an interesting paper on a general topic. Case studies lend themselves to this time and space constraint. However, you could write a literature review on a more general topic, if you wish.

The grade will depend primarily on content. However, clarity, syntax, grammar, spelling and organization are also very important. Common mistakes include:

- Incomplete or run-on sentences
- Non-agreement of subject and verb (plural and singular)
- Erratic changes in tense of verbs
- Misspellings

Schedule: I want you to hand in two progress reports and the final paper. (Everything has to be typed.)

1. The first progress report is due October 19 in class (or by 5PM in my mailbox in 207 Giannini Hall) This report should be approximately half a page. It should consist of a brief description of your topic, with at least two references. The description should include a question that motivates your paper. You can keep it general at this point. Write grammatically. Do not use "telegraphic style".
2. The second progress report is due November 16 in class (or by 5PM in my mailbox in 207 Giannini Hall). This report should be approximately one page, plus at least five references. It should include a description of the topics that your paper will discuss. I want to see some evidence that you are thinking about the paper, and refining your topic.
3. The final paper is due by Monday December 11 in my mailbox.

The progress reports will be graded satisfactory/unsatisfactory. If you decide at some point that you want to change your topic, you need to discuss the change with me, and hand in new progress reports.

**Important:** When you hand in your second progress report, attach your first report (which I will have handed back to you). When you hand in your final paper, attach both progress reports.

*Penalty for late progress reports or late papers:* Each 2 day (or part of that time) delay in handing in either progress report, and each one day delay in handing in your final paper, costs 1/3 of a grade off the grade for the final paper. For example, a one or two day delay in handing in a progress report would cause an A- paper to become a B+ paper.

Emergency extensions: Sometimes an emergency justifies an extension. These will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Even if you are granted an emergency extension *you have to hand in your existing notes on the paper*. For example, a family emergency might prevent you from completing your paper on time. However, that emergency would not explain a failure to have done a reasonable amount of work on the paper up to that point.