

EC2006 Essay Assignment 2009-10

Topics:

1. Does EU membership make countries more vulnerable to economic and/or financial crises? What can we learn from Iceland's experience?
2. How will the ratification of the Lisbon Treaty affect decision making in the EU, and the future of economic integration in Europe in general?
3. Does labor mobility in the EU have adverse effects on labor markets in the countries on the receiving end of immigration? And the sending countries?
4. Has integration made Europe more prosperous? Discuss channels through which integration affects economic wellbeing.

Deadline for submission:

The essay is due by Monday 23rd November 2009 by 3 pm and is to be submitted via *u-link* and in paper copy to the undergraduate office in MJ103.

Formal Requirements:

- Essays are to be completed as team work, with each team including two or three members. It is your own responsibility to find the other students to work with.
- Each team member must submit the essay individually, along with a brief statement (no more than 150 words) indicating his or her contribution to the team effort. If you fail to submit your copy of the essay, you will receive a mark of zero (even if you have contributed to your team's research).
- Each team must choose a team identifier code consisting of eight letters and/or numbers (which can be chosen randomly, e.g. ABCD1234). The group identifier code must be clearly stated at the title page of each essay. The code will be used to distinguish legitimate team work from plagiarism.
- Each topic can be chosen by at most six teams. Once you have chosen a topic, inform me of your choice, along with your team identifier code, in person or by email. Topics will be allocated on first-come-first-served basis. You can change your topic freely until Monday 16th November 2009, if the topic you want to change to is still available. No further changes will be permitted after this date. If your team has failed to confirm the topic with me and that topic has been chosen by more than six other teams, your mark will be reduced by 20%.
- The essay must be typed, double spaced, using font size 12 pts.
- The word count limit is 2000 words, not counting the title page, figures, tables and the list of references. For the first 500 words in excess of 2000, your mark will be reduced by 0.01% for every word. For every word exceeding 2500, your mark will be reduced by 0.1%. Note that this implies that essays exceeding 3500 words will receive a mark of 0.
- There is no minimum limit on the number of words.

- The title page must contain at least the following: the title of your essay, team identifier code and the word count.
- All sources must be cited and included in the list of references.
- Unless specified otherwise, each non-trivial deviation from these rules will be penalized by deducting up to 10% of your mark. It is up to me to determine what is a non-trivial deviation so if in doubt, check with me.
- Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will be dealt with very strictly.