

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FIELD PAPER IN MACROECONOMICS 2026-2027

Deadline: July 31, 2027 to Chiara Paz via email (chiara@econ.ucla.edu)

Instructions:

1. The paper should be 20 to 30 pages long with one and a half spacing.
2. A minimum requirement is a critical survey paper on an area of literature that was covered in one of the three classes, in the spirit of papers found in the Journal of Economic Literature. In that case, you should conclude with a section that provides some motivation for a new paper, or potential avenues for future research. You can describe the sketch of a model, a new motivating "stylized fact", etc.
3. Creative ideas are encouraged ranging from theory papers to empirical papers including replication of existing work on new data sets.
4. In the past, students have expanded on a paper that was submitted for one of the three classes. That is fine. Developing a paper out of a challenging homework exercise is also fine.
5. Students should avoid submitting the same paper, or a close variant of it, for two fields: e.g. theory and macro, macro and international.
6. Papers should be written in clear English and free of grammatical and spelling errors.

Macro Field Paper Committee

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