**Macroeconomics (ECO202) Dr. Mary Habib**

Instructions for Article Summary Assignments

Two short papers (2-3 typed pages) are required for this course.

**The first paper is due on/around the end of November (exact date to be confirmed in class two weeks in advance). The second paper is due the last day of classes.**

**General Information**

Each paper should summarize a collection of news articles [a minimum of four (**4)** articles are required] in 2-3 pages. [So depending on the length of the chosen articles, each must be summarized in 2-3 paragraphs.] Students are free to choose their articles as long as they satisfy the following criteria:

1. They must be relatively short.
2. Each article must revolve around some aspect of economics relevant to the topics studied in the course. It is preferable that the articles deal with the Lebanese and/or regional economy. Articles that discuss world economic issues are acceptable provided they are of relevance to this class (e.g. the US economy in recession, the future of the Euro zone, world oil prices, the economies of some major countries such as China and India, etc.).
3. The articles need NOT be on the same topic. In fact, I prefer that the articles are on different issues. This way, the student will acquire some knowledge on a variety of economic issues.
4. The articles must be recent (published within the **two-week** period preceding the due date of each assignment).
5. The articles must be published in major Lebanese or international newspapers or over a recognizable Internet site.
6. A copy of each article reviewed/summarized must be attached to the paper with the title, source, and date of the article visible.
7. The chosen articles can be in English, Arabic, or French (but your summary must be in English). It is highly recommended that at least one of your chosen articles is in Arabic, in order for you to get a flavor of how economic issues are discussed in the local media.
8. The actual articles must be attached *as an annex* to the paper.
9. Please DO NOT SUBMIT papers in fancy folders, plastic coverings, or any other form of binding. Papers must be stapled (together with the articles)

**Grading**

Papers will be graded on two levels: coverage and content. [Each paper is awarded a 5% weight for a total of 10% on the two papers.] Graded assignments will be returned to students within a week of the submission date.

Students should work on their assignments independently. Internal plagiarism will result in loss of credit.

**Proposed References and Further Tips:**

The following is a short list of possible sources of news articles that can be found online. Please try to diversify your sources. In general, no more than two of your four articles may be from the same source. Please note that you are not obliged to choose articles from the list below. This is simply presented for your convenience and to facilitate the search. Any other sources would be acceptable provided you follow the general guidelines mentioned above.

A. English Sources:

1. The Daily Star Newspaper: <http://dailystar.com.lb>. Good source for economic news from Lebanon and the region.
2. The Executive Magazine: <http://www.executive.com.lb>. Excellent source for in-depth, professional analysis on the Lebanese, regional, and international economy. Articles here tend to be a bit longer than the average newspaper article, but I highly recommend it.
3. Financial Times (London): http: [www.ft.com](http://www.ft.com). Good source for articles on the international (and European) economy. You may find interesting articles on the Middle East here.
4. CNN Money: http: [www.cnnmoney.com](http://www.cnnmoney.com). Good source, but mainly US economy. May want to give it a try for relevant articles.
5. Time Magazine: http: [www.time.com](http://www.time.com). Usually has good articles in its Finance/Business page, especially on US and world economy.
6. The Economist Magazine: [www.economist.com](http://www.economist.com). Good place to look for articles. Special attention to the US/European economies.

B. Arabic Sources:

In general any of the Arabic dailies published in Lebanon would be acceptable. Many of them have special Finance/Business sections that you can access. The summaries must be written in English. A short illustrative list follows:

Annahar Newspaper: http: [www.annahar.com.lb](http://www.annahar.com.lb)

Al Balad: http: [www.albaladonline.com](http://www.albaladonline.com)

Al Hayat: http: [www.daralhayat.com](http://www.daralhayat.com). May include a more in-depth coverage of issues.

Finally, you may also choose articles in French (e.g. L’Orient le Jour), again paying attention to the general guidelinf,,g,es above.