

15% of final grade

You will be required to write a short paper during the course. The paper must be APA format, including a title page, abstract and reference list. The length of the paper must be 3-5 pages of text. There is no extra credit for exceeding the page limit.

Remember that an abstract is a brief summary of the paper, not an introduction or a listing of what is in the scholarly paper. Your abstract should lay out your investment topic and the key points you use in supporting that argument. There must be a reference list at the end. This does not count in the paper length.

In this paper, you will provide a distinctive discussion of any investment (bond, mutual fund, equity, and commodity) or current well publicized investment topic of your choice. You may choose a specific investment within a category or the category itself. You may also choose to write about a specific economic issue or financial crimes committed in the investment/business world. You must always utilize a minimum of two scholarly sources as references regardless of your topic. Your text is an excellent source of reference; Wikipedia is not considered a scholarly source.

Short Paper Grading Criteria	Maximum Points
Abstract clearly lays out topic and line of reasoning	10
Topic chosen is graduate level and demonstrates distinctive understanding, analysis and reasoning of the topic. Critical thinking is demonstrated	40
Classroom concepts are insightfully applied to the topic chosen and demonstrate gained or confirmed knowledge upon completion of the writing.	20
Other relevant work/information is referenced in a meaningful way and is used to support your thoughts and arguments.	20
Paper is well-organized, perfect spelling and punctuation, good grammar and meets requirements; APA format	10
Total	100