**Final Project Rubric – 33% of total grade**

**Project Interview with Data - 11%**

**Project Paper - 11%**

**Project Presentation - 11%**

**Project Interview with Data - 11%**

Your interview with Dr. Witte will be planned as best as possible to accommodate both of our schedules. The interview will take roughly 15 minutes.

(11 points) During your interview you should be prepared to answer the following questions:

What data set do you intend to use?

Where do plan to get the data set from?

What is your timetable to have all the data gathered and cleaned for analysis?

What is the research question you intend to econometrically evaluate?

**Project Paper - 11%**

There is no page requirement for the Project Paper. Your paper should be formatted similar to an academic research paper. The outline for an academic paper is given below:

Outline

Abstract – No more than 100 words detailing your research question, data source and main results

Introduction – A discussion of the research question, why the reader should care about the research question, source of the data, and a preview of the main results

Data and Methodology – A discussion of the data source and the components of the data set, descriptive statistics of the relevant data, and an equation detailing the baseline regression of the analysis

Results – Results of the baseline regression and any other regressions undertaken

Conclusion – Major results detailed, a discussion of limitations of the research and avenues for potential future research

References – Any data sources or articles that were used in the research

(11 points) Clarity and brevity of your writing. Make certain that every word is relevant. The following is your best guide: <https://faculty.chicagobooth.edu/john.cochrane/research/papers/phd_paper_writing.pdf>

**Project Presentation – 11%**

The presentation is to be no longer than 6 minutes and will include a Q&A session afterwards.

(9 points) Brevity and clarity of presentation. It is unlikely that you will be able to detail your entire research project in 5 minutes. What is the question you are trying or were capable of answering? What is your data and where did it come from? What is your final result? If you had more time what would you do next with your research? Generally, a visual presentation of results is more compelling than verbal presentation. A picture is occasionally worth 1,000 words.

(2 points) Quality of Q&A session. You should be ready to field questions from the class regarding the key components of your research project.