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## WRITTEN EXERCISES

### Due Dates

- Exercise #1: Tuesday, 6 November, 1:15 p.m.  
Exercise #2: Tuesday, 27 November, 1:15 p.m.  
Exercise #3: Thursday, 13 December, 3:10 p.m. (day of final quiz)

### Grading

To receive full points on an exercise, your writing must be neat, in exceptional form, and without error. Further, you must demonstrate strong economic reasoning and insight. You will receive fewer points if your writing has technical errors and exhibits less understanding of economic principles. You will receive zero points for an exercise I receive late. Late means any time after the deadline (for any reason), using my watch. You are responsible for making sure the exercise is in my hands before the deadline. You can submit the exercise early.

### Plagiarism

Refer to the University of Michigan-Dearborn *Statement of Student Rights & Code of Student Conduct* or the *Undergraduate Announcement* for an explanation of prohibited academic conduct. Ignorance of the definition of plagiarism is not an excuse.

### Submission

Written exercises must be typed or computer printed, single or double spaced, and include proper references. Electronic submission is fine and should be attached to a message to [bhull@umd.umich.edu](mailto:bhull@umd.umich.edu) or deposited in the course CTools drop box. I usually can read MSWord or PDF documents. You are responsible for making sure I receive your completed exercise in a form I can read.

Exercise #1: One page maximum, five points.

Pick a topic. Explain your topic and the key points you expect to make. If appropriate, describe your sources of data.

Exercise #2: Four pages maximum, fifteen points.

Review the literature. Start the assignment with a short paragraph describing your topic. Find references in the scholarly literature to your topic. Include one or more sentences of explanation for each reference. You can refer to work in disciplines other than economics, but you must also include some economics references. "Scholarly literature" means scholarly journals or books, not newspaper stories, magazines, or web content. You can cite material that is not scholarly in addition to your scholarly references. Cite your references properly.

Exercise #3: Twenty points.

Write a paper incorporating your previous work. You must use proper references. This paper must be submitted electronically.



Some ideas for paper topics:

Update an older scholarly paper with newer data or data from a different source.

Choose a part of a denomination's doctrine and see how it has changed over time in a manner consistent with economic theory or how it differs in different locations in a manner consistent with economic theory.

Compile evidence contradicting the literature and provide an alternative testable hypothesis.

Write a critical review of the literature on one of the following topics:

- Religion and Household Earnings
- Religion and Economic Growth
- Secularization
- Religions, Sects, and Strictness
- Religion and Allocation of Time