Guidelines for Term Paper:

The first and most important step in writing a term paper is to find an issue you would like to discuss at length. We have already discussed several international issues and institutions any of which may serve as a starting point for your term paper. However, these were very general discussions. You will be well served to focus your question on a specific issue. For instance, rather than looking at NAFTA focus on some issue related to NAFTA. There is only one restriction: your paper must relate, in some significant way, to international trade or finance.

Proposal
A short (about one page) proposal is due by Thursday, April 20th. You are welcome to present your proposals prior to this date but under no circumstances will late assignments be accepted. This proposal will:

- clearly state a question
- explain why the question is interesting
- explain how you will go about answering the question.

A well written proposal is basically the first page of the final draft.

Term Paper
Your term paper is due by Thursday, May 4th. You are welcome to present your assignment prior to this date but under no circumstances will late assignments be accepted. This paper is to be from five to seven typewritten pages of text. Spacing of either 1.5 or 2 is acceptable accompanied by standard margins. If need be, diagrams and tables may be included after your references.

Plagiarism
Referencing and plagiarism were highlighted in your issue papers. As a result, I will expect you papers to be fully and properly referenced. Poor referencing will result in diminished grades. Cases of plagiarism (definition: writing that has been copied from someone else and is presented as being your own work) will result in FAILURE FOR THE CLASS. See http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml for a good discussion of plagiarism.

Typos
As was the case with the issue papers, I will stop reading at the second typo. No grade will be assigned. Be sure to proofread your papers completely. Again, I recommend making full use of the University Writing Center (http://www.wiu.edu/users/miwrite/).

Grading
The proposals will be assigned to one of two categories: Adequate and Poor. Adequate proposals will receive full marks (5 points) while Poor proposals will receive no points. This decision will be based, not upon the merits of the proposal, but upon the quality of the work presented.

Your term papers will be assigned to one of three categories: Good, Adequate, and Poor. These will be assigned 15, 10 and 5 points, respectively. This decision will be based upon several factors (how interesting the question is, thoroughness in answering the question posed, overall presentation, etcetera).
Economic data and resources:
   www.helsinki.fi/WebEc/
   home1.gte.net/res02cla/Links.htm

Beginning research on any topic:
   www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/adams/resea.html

Searching and referencing internet sites:
   www.slu.edu/departments/english/research/index.html
   www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Style.html
   www.beadsland.com/weapas/