

Economics 221: Group Projects

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But Seriously...

Group projects are challenging:

- Different ideas
- Different backgrounds
- Different skills
- Different expectations

However, they're also **very realistic**

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- ...build your network of colleagues
- ...learn how to work accountably with others

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2. Set clear accountability

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- When is it due?
- How will it be done?

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4. Have a conflict resolution mechanism

- How will you solve disagreements?
- What happens if the problem escalates?
- What are the consequences?

My Expectations

I expect that everyone will behave responsibly and ethically:

- Do what you promised you will do
- Treat others and their ideas/work with respect
- Handle disagreements responsibly
- Raise issues in a timely fashion

Be Kind! Do a Good Job! Work Together!