

ECON 4901-ES01 (5778)
Guided Studies in Current Economic Problems II

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Course Outline

ECON 4901 is divided into two parts. The first part contains two workshops that focus on research methodology and use of economic data. The second part involves lectures (conducted in English), classroom discussion, and presentation of research projects. With this format, students are expected not only to gain basic knowledge in the design of an appropriate research project but also to improve their public speaking and overall writing abilities.

Part 1: STOT Workshops (20%)

- (i) To encourage students to attend the STOT workshops, attendance and participation is counted as a part of the course assessment. A total of 4 marks are assigned to the student's attendance and participation.
- (ii) To encourage students to better understand the materials covered in the STOT workshops, assignments are given and graded. A total of 16 marks are allocated to the STOT-workshops assignments

Week 2: Research Methodology (lecture)
Week 3: Research Methodology (laboratory)

Part 2: Research Project (80%)

Week 1, and 4-13: Meeting time and place to be determined by each individual instructor (your pre-assigned classroom is still reserved for you to meet students at the scheduled timeslot).

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| Attendance and Class participation | 15 marks |
| Presentation | 25 marks |
| Paper | 40 marks |

Students are required to submit both hardcopy and softcopy of their paper to the instructor.

Attention is drawn to University policy and regulations on honesty in academic work, and to the disciplinary guidelines and procedures applicable to breaches of such policy and regulations. Details may be found at <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/> .

With each assignment, students will be required to submit a signed [declaration](#) that they are aware of these policies, regulations, guidelines and procedures. For group projects, all students of the same group should be asked to sign on the declaration.

For assignments in the form of a computer-generated document that is principally text-based and submitted via VeriGuide, the statement, in the form of a receipt, will be issued by the system upon students' uploading of the soft copy of the assignment. Assignments without the receipt will not be graded by teachers. Only the final version of the assignment should be submitted via VeriGuide.

All STOT sections should follow strictly with this course assessment scheme. The range of grade distributions for the students' performance in each section should have reasonable variations. Moreover, the grade distribution should be in line with the guidelines set forth by the Registration and Examination Section.

Course Plan

Sept 18: A two-page description of 3 possible topics due. For each topic, write a short paragraph describing the methodology and data.

Week 3 (Sept 21) Individual meetings (all students)

Week 4 (Sept 28) Finalize research topic. Optional individual meetings

Week 5 (Oct 5) Individual meetings (Group 1)

Week 6 (Oct 12) Individual meetings (Group 2)

Week 7 (Oct 19) Individual meetings (Group 1)

Week 8 (Oct 26) Individual meetings (Group 2)

First draft due on Oct 30

Week 9 (Nov 2) Individual meetings (Group 1)

Week 10 (Nov 9) Individual meetings (Group 2)

Week 11 (Nov 16) Optional individual meetings.

Week 12 (Nov 23) Presentation (Group 1)

Week 13 (Nov 30) Presentation (Group 2)

Final draft due