



**THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

**ECON1902  
A GUIDE TO LEARNING ECONOMICS**

**COURSE SYLLABUS  
(2022-2023 First Term)**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is designed for economic majors in their first year of study. The principal aim is to help students plan their study throughout the study period, including the academic and experiential components. This course comprises three parts: 1) Lectures that introduce the structure of the programme (outcome statement, study pattern of required and elective courses, concentration areas, nature of courses), experiential learning opportunities (mentorship and internship programmes), and exchange opportunities (choice of host institutions and transfer of credits); 2) Workshops on academic honesty with topics including plagiarism, proper use of source materials, and citation styles; 3) Sessions on presentation, interview, and career-related skills. These include in-class debate sessions, group interview practices and cover-letter workshops.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

After completing this course, students should be able to:

1. Understand the importance, need and styles of academic citations in written work.
2. Possess a mindset of career development.
3. Understand the role of economics in personal development.
4. Plan their study carefully and effectively.

## **THE TEACHING TEAM**

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## **LECTURE HOURS**

Monday                      9:30pm-11:15pm    ELB LT4

## **ASSESSMENT SCHEME**

The assessment is based on:

<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Interview and CV practice	35%
Participation	15%
Assignments and Presentation	50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

## **COURSE TEXTBOOKS**

There is no textbook for this course.

## **COURSE MATERIALS**

Course materials (lecture slides, lecture notes, additional readings, problems sets and their solutions) will be posted on Blackboard

## **ASSIGNMENTS AND PRESENTATION**

Assignments will be provided through Blackboard.

Presentation: Students can form groups of 1-3 members. Each group shall present a topic based on any area of economic/career/skill interest. The maximum duration of a presentation is 7 minutes (1 group member), 10 minutes (2 group members) and 13 minutes (3 group members). Presentations can be done in Zoom, face-to-face, or as a recorded video clip. More details will be given in due course.

### **HONESTY IN ACADEMIC WORK**

Students must observe the University's policy on Honesty in Academic Work (please see <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>).

### **CONTENTS (Tentative)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Undergraduate inauguration – no class</b>	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Holiday – no class</b>	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Introduction to the course</b>	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Introduction to the Economics Curriculum</b>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>Avoiding Plagiarism</b>	
<b>10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Introduction to key Economics Software</b>	
<b>17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Career Development</b>	
<b>24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Career Development/General Consultation</b>	
<b>31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>General Consultation</b>	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>General Consultation</b>	
<b>14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	
<b>28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	