

# The Chinese University of Hong Kong

## ECON 4901A Guided Studies in Current Economic Problems II First Term, 2022-2023

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### 1 Course Description and Objectives

The course aims to introduce the basic skills of conducting economic research and developing a student's ability on the analysis of economic problems. 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.

### 2 Class Schedule

Date	Time	Venue	Content
7 September (Wed)	2:30pm - 4:15pm	WFY 107A	Introduction
16 September (Fri)	2:00pm - 4:00pm/4:30pm -6:30pm	LSK LT3	Research Methodology I
23 September (Fri)	6:30pm -8:30pm	LSK LT5	Research Methodology II
28 September (Wed)	2:30pm - 4:15pm	ELB 913	Consultation
5 October (Wed)	2:30pm - 4:15pm	ELB 913	Consultation
12 October (Wed)	2:30pm - 4:15pm	ELB 913	Consultation
19 October (Wed)	2:30pm - 4:15pm	ELB 913	Consultation
26 October (Wed)	2:30pm - 4:15pm	ELB 913	Consultation
2 November (Wed)	2:30pm - 4:15pm	ELB 913	Consultation
9 November (Wed)	2:30pm - 4:15pm	ELB 913	Consultation
16 November (Wed)	TBA	TBA	Presentation
23 November (Wed)	2:30pm - 4:15pm	WFY 107A	Presentation
30 November (Wed)	2:30pm - 4:15pm	WFY 107A	Presentation

### 3 Assessment

#### Part I. STOT Workshops

Attendance	4%
Assignments	16%

#### Part II. Research Projects

Class attendance	5%
Consultation participation	10%
Presentation	25%
Paper	40%

**Total** 100%

## 4 Course Requirements

### 4.1 STOT Workshops (20%)

1. 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.
2. 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

### 4.2 Research Project (80%)

1. Consultation: Each consultation session will be **15 minutes** and can be signed up at the [Google sheet](#).

Students should sign up for consultation sessions **before 5pm the day before the consultation**. Students are suggested to bring a write-up of ideas, methodology and data to see the instructor. Each student must attend a minimum of two consultation sessions, but is limited to a maximum of four consultation sessions. A total of 10 marks are allocated to the consultation participation.

2. Presentation: Sign up your presentation in the same google sheet above. Each presentation will be no more than **15 minutes** in length, followed by a 5-minute discussion and Q&A. Each student must attend all final presentations. A total of 5 marks are allocated to the presentation participation and a total of 25 marks are allocated to the presentation.
3. Final paper: The final paper should be between **12 and 20 pages** in length (excluding tables, figures, and references). To ensure consistency in the format, the main text of the paper should comply with the following format

Font: Times New Roman

Font size: 12 point

Margin: 1 inch all around

Spacing: 0pt before, 0pt after, double line spacing

The deadline for the final paper is **5pm on 23 December 2020 (Friday)**. Students are required to submit a softcopy (via VeriGuide) of their paper to the instructor. Late submission will receive a zero mark. A total of 40 marks are allocated to the paper.

## 5 Blackboard System

You are advised to check the Blackboard regularly for course announcements, class meeting times and venues, assignments, submission guidelines, etc.

## 6 Academic Honesty

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.