

ECON 4901B/C
Guided Studies in Current Economic Problems II
Course Outline

Course Description

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.

Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Venue	Activity
6 September (Thu)	Normal Class Time	ELB304	Introduction & Determination of Presentation Schedule
14 September (Fri)	6:30 – 8:15pm	YIA LT4	Research Methodology (Theory)
Class B: 17 September (Mon) Class C: 18 September (Tue)	6:30 – 8:15pm	ELB916	Research Methodology (Lab)
27 September (Thu)	Normal Class Time	ELB1006	Consultation for Research Proposal
4 October (Thu)	Normal Class Time	ELB1006	Consultation for Research Proposal
11, 18, 25 October & 1 November (Thu)	Normal Class Time	ELB1006	Consultation
8 November (Thu)	Normal Class Time	ELB304	Presentation
15 November (Thu)	NO CLASS		Congregation
22 November (Thu)	Normal Class Time	ELB304	Presentation
29 November (Thu)	Normal Class Time	ELB304	Presentation

Assessments

Part 1: STOT Workshops (20%)

- (i) To encourage students to attend the STOT workshops, attendance is counted as a part of the course assessment. A total of **4 marks** are assigned to the student's attendance.
- (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

Part 2: Research Project (80%)

Attendance*	5 marks
Participation and Discussion	10 marks
Presentation	25 marks
Paper	40 marks

* Students have to attend all the presentations in order to score fully of this attendance mark.

Course Requirements

Consultation

The two weeks' consultation for research proposal is compulsory. Students should sign up for a consultation session. Each consultation session will last for 20 minutes and the schedules are posted at the Discussion Board in Blackboard system. Students are suggested to prepare and bring a write-up proposal to see the instructor.

Other consultation sessions are optional.

Presentation and Discussion

Each presentation will be no more than 20 minutes, followed by a 5-minute discussion and suggestion. Each student will be assigned as discussant to a particular presentation.

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 of the softcopy, 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 **17 December 2018 (Monday)**. Students are required to submit both hardcopy (to the instructor's assignment box located on the 9th floor of the ELB) and softcopy (via VeriGuide) of their papers to the instructor. Late submission will receive a zero mark.

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/>.

Note: 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.

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You are advised to check for announcements at least once a week on Blackboard.