

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

**Week 2: Research Methodology (Theory)**

15 September (Friday) 6:30 – 8:15pm ELB LT1

**Week 3: Research Methodology (Laboratory)**

**Class B:** 20 September (Wednesday) 6:30 – 8:15pm ELB 916

**Class C:** 21 September (Thursday) 6:30 – 8:15pm ELB 916

**Week 10, 12 & 13: Presentations**

**Part 2: Research Project (80%)**

Meeting time and place other than those of above workshops are to be announced later on Blackboard Learn.

Attendance	5 marks
Class participation	10 marks
Presentation	25 marks
Paper	40 marks

Students are required to submit both hardcopy and softcopy of their paper. The **deadline** of the paper is on **11 December (Monday) at 2pm**.

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/academic\\_honesty/](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academic_honesty/) .

**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.