



**ECON 4901-G**  
**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.

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**GRADING**

**Part 1: STOT Workshops (20 marks)**

- (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 (lecture)

Week 3: Research Methodology (laboratory)

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

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 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.

## **SCHEDULE**

	Date	Time	Venue
Introduction	6 Sept (Wed)	2:30-4:15pm	ELB 304
Research Methodology (Theory)	15 Sept (Fri)	6:30pm-8:15pm	ELB LT1
Research Methodology (Lab)	25 Sept (Mon)	6:30pm-8:15pm	ELB 916
Consultation Period	27 Sept – 8 Nov	By appt	ELB 922
Presentation and Discussion	15 Nov (Wed)	2:30-4:15pm	ELB 304
Presentation and Discussion	22 Nov (Wed)	2:30-4:15pm	ELB 304
Presentation and Discussion	29 Nov (Wed)	2:30-4:15pm	ELB 304

## **FINAL PAPER**

Due by 6<sup>th</sup> December (Wed) by 5pm. Please submit a hardcopy (in person, mailbox). Late submission incurs a 20% reduction per day.

Paper format: 15 pages maximum (text) using a 12-pt font size. You can add as many figures, tables and other non-text materials.