

ECON 4901H: Guided Studies in Current Economic Problems II

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1. Course Description and Objectives

ECON 4901 is divided into two parts. The first part contains two STOT workshops that focus on research methodology and use of economic data. The second part involves a lecture, 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 Sep 2016	10:30AM - 12:15PM	ELB 204	Introduction
15 Sep 2016	6:30PM - 8:15PM	ELB LT1	Research Methodology (Theory)
25 Sep 2016	6:30PM - 8:15PM	ELB 916	Research Methodology (Lab)
28 Sep 2016	10:30AM - 12:15PM	ELB 920	Consultation
5 Oct 2016	10:30AM - 12:15PM	ELB 920	Consultation
12 Oct 2016	10:30AM - 12:15PM	ELB 920	Consultation
19 Oct 2016	10:30AM - 12:15PM	ELB 920	Consultation
26 Oct 2016	10:30AM - 12:15PM	ELB 920	Consultation
2 Nov 2016	10:30AM - 12:15PM	ELB 920	Consultation
9 Nov 2016	10:30AM - 12:15PM	ELB 920	Consultation
16 Nov 2016	Congregation (No Class)		
23 Nov 2016	10:30AM - 12:15PM	ELB 204	Final Presentation
30 Nov 2016	10:30AM - 12:15PM	ELB 204	Final Presentation

3. Assessment

Part I: STOT Workshops

Attendance	4%
Assignments	16%

Part II: Research Project

Class attendance and participation	15%
Presentation	25%
Paper	40%

Total	100%
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4. Course Requirements

4.1 Attendance and Participation

Each student must attend all final presentations. You are encouraged to participate actively in class discussion.

4.2 Final Presentation

Each presentation will be about 15 minutes in length, followed by a 5-minute discussion and Q&A.

4.3 Final Paper

The final paper should be between 12 and 20 pages in length (excluding tables, figures, and references). To ensure consistency, 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: Opt before, Opt after, double line spacing

Students are required to submit a softcopy via VeriGuide of their paper to the instructor. The deadline for submitting the paper is **December 8, 2017**. Late submission will have 20% of the mark deducted per 24 hour period or portion of a 24-hour period that it is late. A paper submitted more than 4 days (96 hours) after the due time will receive a zero mark.

5. 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.