

ECON 2901A
Guided Studies in Current Economic Problems I
Spring 2018

Wednesday 9:30 – 11:15AM ELB LT2

Instructor: Prof. Shi, Ce Matthew (史 册) shice@cuhk.edu.hk

Office hours: Wednesday 11:15AM – 12:15PM 910 Esther Lee Building (ELB)
(or by appointment)

Course Description: The course consists of two components. The first component contains several workshops that focus on essential skills in research, report writing and presentation. In the second part of the course, students are required to search and discuss articles on current economic problems under the intensive guidance of the instructor. Students are expected not only to gain basic knowledge in the design of an appropriate research project in economics but also to improve their public speaking and overall writing abilities.

Method of Evaluation:

Part I (STOT workshops, 20%): Attendance (3%), Workshop Assignments (17%)

Part II (Research project, 80%):

Participation (15%), Class Presentation (15%), Poster Presentation (20%), Final Report (30%)

Participation: Participation will be graded based on attendance and contribution to the class and group consultation sessions. Workshop and lecture attendances are mandatory. Please notify me in advance or give me a note afterward for any medical emergency, religious holiday, field trip and athletic contest, which are the only valid excuses for an absence.

In addition, courtesy is expected in classroom. In particular, you should refrain from chit-chatting, making loud noises, or playing with electronic devices during lectures. You can also lose participation points if your behavior becomes disruptive to the class.

Group Project: You will form groups of 4 students for a research project. Group formation will be done before the third week of class.

The final paper should have no more than 15 pages (excluding graphs and tables), and should be double-spaced with font size 12. All references (including your textbooks and web references) you have used and cited in the paper should be included. To list your references, you are required to follow one of the styles: MLA, APA, Chicago or American Economic Review or Journal of Economic Literature.

Students with Special Needs: If you have a documented disability and need special accommodations, please see me as soon as possible.

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/>.

The sample statement is as follows, can be downloaded at [http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/Eng_htm_files_\(2013-14\)/declaration_en.doc](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/Eng_htm_files_(2013-14)/declaration_en.doc).

I am submitting the assignment for:

- an individual project or
- a group project on behalf of all members of the group. It is hereby confirmed that the submission is authorized by all members of the group, and all members of the group are required to sign this declaration.

I/We declare that: (i) the assignment here submitted is original except for source material explicitly acknowledged; (ii) the piece of work, or a part of the piece of work has not been submitted for more than one purpose (e.g. to satisfy the requirements in two different courses) without declaration; and (iii) the submitted soft copy with details listed in the <Submission Details> is identical to the hard copy(ies), if any, which has(have) been / is(are) going to be submitted.

I/We also acknowledge that I am/we are aware of University policy and regulations on honesty in academic work, and of the disciplinary guidelines and procedures applicable to breaches of such policy and regulations, as contained in the University website <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>.

In the case of a group project, we are aware that each student is responsible and liable to disciplinary actions should there be any plagiarized contents/undeclared multiple submission in the group project, irrespective of whether he/she has signed the declaration and whether he/she has contributed directly or indirectly to the problematic contents.

It is also understood that assignments without a properly signed declaration by the student concerned and in the case of a group project, by all members of the group concerned, will not be graded by the teacher(s).

Signature(s)

Date

Name(s)

Student ID(s)

Course code

Course title

Tentative Class Schedule

Week	Date	Topics	Venue	Note
1	January 10	Introduction	ELB LT2	
2	January 17	STOT Workshop: Research Methodology	ELB LT2	e-add/drop on CUSIS
3	January 24	STOT Workshop: Research Methodology	ELB LT2	Group assignment
4	January 31	Individual group consultation	ELB 910	
5	February 7	Individual group consultation	ELB 910	
6	February 14	(No meeting)		
7	February 21	New Year Holiday		
8	February 28	STOT Workshop: Presentation Skill Practice	TBD	Group consultation for groups who do not have to attend the workshop in that week.
9	March 7	STOT Workshop: Presentation Skill Practice	TBD	
10	March 14	STOT Workshop: Writing Skill Practice	TBD	
11	March 21	STOT Workshop: Writing Skill Practice	TBD	
12	March 28	TBD		
13	April 4	(No meeting due to reading week)	ELB LT2	First draft due on April 5
14	April 11	Presentation & Discussion	ELB LT2	
15	April 18	Presentation & Discussion	ELB LT2	
16	April 23	Poster Presentation	ELB lobby	
	May 4	Final Paper Submission		