

ECON 2901C Guided Studies in Current Economic Problems I

Wed 9:30-11:15pm HYS LG04

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Purpose of this Course

This course is divided into two parts. The first part contains several workshops that focus on research methodology, use of economic data, writing skills, and presentation techniques. The second part involves group consultations, classroom discussions and presentation of research projects. 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.

Learning Outcomes

After taking this course students should be able to carry out and present the findings of their own research project.

Grading

Part 1: STOT Workshops (20%)

- (i) To encourage students to attend the STOT workshops, attendance is counted as a part of the course assessment. **3% of the final grade is** 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. **17% of the final grade is** allocated to the STOT-workshops assignments.

Part 2: Research Project (80%)

Meeting time and place will be announced in class.

	Weight
Participation	15%
Group Presentation	20%
Group Written Report	30%
Group Poster Presentation	15%

The due date of the final report will be announced later in the term. **Late submission will be severely penalized.**

Poster Presentation

Students are required to produce a poster for their group project and present their work in a public exhibition at the end of April. Students are expected to explain their work to an audience with little or no formal economics training.

Workshop and Presentation Schedule

Date and Time	Topic	Location
Jan. 16 th	Research Methodology	ELB LT2
Feb 27 th	English Oral Skill Practice	HYS LG04
Mar 6 th	English Oral Skill Practice	HYS LG04
Mar 13 th	English Writing Skill Practice	HYS LG04
Mar 20 th	English Writing Skill Practice	HYS LG04
Apr 13th	Poster Presentation	ELB G/F

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.