

ECON 4902/4903
ECONOMICS - THEORY AND REALITY 2nd Term,
2018-2019

Tentative Syllabus

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Course Description:

This course, designed for final year majors, aims at integrating holistically the economics knowledge acquired by the student from the diverse major and elective courses prescribed in the programme. In particular, students are guided to apply what they have learnt to analyze and understand real economic events and to predict future trends. Economic issues and problems of current interest will be emphasized. In addition, professional economists in the fields will be invited to give sharing sessions so that students can appreciate the power of economic models in their applications to real issues and the skills employed in such applications. In the process, students gain useful insights in the demands of different occupations and become better informed in their own career planning.

Course Assessment Scheme:

Attendance and participation:	20%
Individual Reflection report:	15%
Group Poster presentation:	65%

Group Project:

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.

For the group project, you are expected to submit:

1. A poster
2. A webpage accompanying your poster
3. A short audio recording (~5 min.) presenting your poster
4. Several questions with corresponding answers accompanying your poster

Note:

Course notes and announcements will be posted on the class Blackboard (<https://elearn.cuhk.edu.hk>) Please check frequently.

Course Structure

A. Required Activities

1. Meeting with instructor at least twice while you work on your poster
2. Workshop: Making a Mobile-Compatible Website – March
3. ECON 4902 Presentation Session – April 13th in ELB G/F. Attendance required.

B. E-Learning (Choose 1)

1. Workshop: Programming Excel with VBA – January 17th and 24th
2. Complete an online course from one the following sources:
 - Bloomberg Market Concepts
 - EdX
 - Coursera

For EdX or Coursera, the course you choose should be relevant to your career plan.

C. Optional Activities (Choose at least 2 for 4902 and 4 for 4903; attendance will be taken.)

1. Individual interview practice and career consultation
 - Online booking (account registration required):
<https://ticoneva.com/booked/Web/schedule.php?sid=2>
2. ICAC Seminar – April 11th in class
3. Bank of China Science Park Automated Branch visit – January 31st
 - Online registration:
<https://www.econ.cuhk.edu.hk/registration/Events/index.php?eventID=9c4133f9be1052f0>
4. Bloomberg visit - February 22nd
 - Session 1 online registration:
<https://www.econ.cuhk.edu.hk/registration/Events/index.php?eventID=5701b315044ab72e>
 - Session 2 online registration:
<https://www.econ.cuhk.edu.hk/registration/Events/index.php?eventID=c222dcbf0653afda>
5. Hong Kong Monetary Authority – March 22nd
 - Online registration:
<https://www.econ.cuhk.edu.hk/registration/Events/index.php?eventID=28b9a900a2be8175>
6. Department's Distinguished Public Lectures
 - 「美英中新·促進“住有所居”的住房改革之路：兼談對香港的啟示」
January 17th
Online registration: <https://www.econ.cuhk.edu.hk/registration/maxianbiao>