The Chinese University of Hong Kong

ECON 4901E Guided Studies in Current Economic Problems II
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1 Course Description and Objectives

The course aims to introduce the basic skills of conducting economic research and developing a student’s ability on the analysis of economic problems. 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.

2 Class Schedule

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3 Assessment

Part I. STOT Workshops
- Attendance 4%
- Assignments 16%

Part II. Research Projects
- Class attendance 5%
- Consultation participation 10%
- Presentation 25%
- Paper 40%

Total 100%
4 Course Requirements

4.1 STOT Workshops (20%)

1. To encourage students to attend the STOT workshops, attendance and participation is counted as a part of the course assessment. A total of 4 marks are assigned to the students attendance and participation.

2. 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

4.2 Research Project (80%)

1. Consultation: Each consultation session will be 20 minutes and the schedules are posted in the Groups at the Blackboard system. Students should sign up for consultation sessions before 5pm the day before the consultation. Students are suggested to bring a write-up of ideas, methodology and data to see the instructor. Each student must attend a minimum of two consultation sessions, but is limited to a maximum of four consultation sessions. A total of 10 marks are allocated to the consultation participation.

2. Presentation: Sign up your presentation in the Groups at the Blackboard (first come first serve). Each presentation will be no more than 20 minutes in length, followed by a 5-minute discussion and Q&A. Each student must attend all final presentations. A total of 5 marks are allocated to the presentation participation and a total of 25 marks are allocated to the presentation.

3. Final paper: The final paper should be between 12 and 20 pages in length (excluding tables, figures, and references). To ensure consistency in the format, 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: 0pt before, 0pt after, double line spacing

   The deadline for the final paper is 5pm on 20 December 2019 (Friday). Students are required to submit both hardcopy and softcopy (via VeriGuide) of their paper to the instructor. Late submission will receive a zero mark. A total of 40 marks are allocated to the paper.

5 Blackboard System

You are advised to check the Blackboard regularly for course announcements, class meeting times and venues, assignments, submission guidelines, etc.

6 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.