

**ECON 4901B**  
**Guided Studies in Current Economic Problems II**  
**Course Outline**

**Course Description**

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.

**Meeting Schedule**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Activity</b>
1	Normal Class Time	FYB 402	Introduction & Determination of Presentation Schedule
2 & 3	15 September 6:30 – 8:15pm  24 September English 2:30 – 4:30pm Cantonese 6:30 – 8:30pm	Refer to Blackboard of ECON4901 Workshop for details	Research Methodology (Methodology)  Research Methodology (STATA Workshop)
4 – 10	By Appointment	ELB1006/ ZOOM	Consultation
11 – 13	Normal Class Time	FYB 402	Presentation & Discussion

**Assessments**

**Part 1: STOT Workshops (20%)**

- (i) To encourage students to attend the STOT workshops, attendance is counted as a part of the course assessment. A total of **4 marks** are 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. A total of **16 marks** are allocated to the STOT-workshops assignments

**Part 2: Research Project (80%)**

Attendance*	5 marks
Participation and Discussion	10 marks
Presentation	25 marks
Paper	40 marks

\* Students have to attend all the presentations in order to score fully of this attendance mark.

## **Course Requirements**

### **Consultation**

The consultation for research proposal in weeks 4 to 5 is compulsory. Each consultation session will last for 15 minutes and the schedules are to be posted at the Discussion Board in Blackboard system. Students are suggested to prepare and bring a write-up proposal to see the instructor.

Other consultation sessions during weeks 6 to 10 are optional. Do come as long as you require one.

### **Presentation and Discussion**

Each presentation will be no more than 20 minutes, followed by discussion and suggestion from audience. Each student will be assigned as discussant to a particular presentation.

### **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 of the softcopy, 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 **16 December 2021 (Thursday)**. Students are required to submit a softcopy (via VeriGuide as well) and a hardcopy of their papers with the VeriGuide statement signed (via the assignment box of 9<sup>th</sup> floor ELB) to the instructor. Late submission will receive a zero mark.

### **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/>.

**Note:** 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.

### **eLearning**

You are advised to check for announcements at least once a week on Blackboard.