

**ECON 4901H**  
**Guided Studies in Current Economic Problems II**  
Fall 2021

Wednesday 12:30 – 2:15PM Wong Foo Yuan 402

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**Course Description:** The course consists of two components. The first component 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.

**Method of Evaluation:**

Part I (STOT workshops, 20%): Attendance (4%), Workshop Assignments (16%)

Part II (Research project, 80%):

Participation (15%), Class Presentation (25%), Final Report (40%)

**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.

**Consultation:** Each consultation session will be 15 minutes. Students should sign up for consultation sessions via the Blackboard system before 5pm the day before the consultation. Students should bring a brief write-up of ideas, methodology and data to see the instructor. Each student **must attend a minimum of 3 consultation sessions** and **should meet with me at least once every 2-3 weeks**. Additional meetings can be arranged on a need basis. A total of 10 marks are allocated to the consultation participation.

**Presentation:** The order of the presentation is TBD. Each presentation will be no more than 15 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.

**Paper submission:** 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 points
- Margin: 1 inch all around
- Spacing: 0pt before, 0pt after, double line spacing

The deadline for the final paper is 5 pm on 22 December 2021. Students are required to submit both hardcopy and softcopy (via VeriGuide) of their papers to the instructor. Late submission will receive a zero mark. A total of 40 marks are allocated to the paper.

In case it is impossible to submit the hardcopy, send a soft copy of your paper to me through email. The same deadline applies here.

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

**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/>.

## Tentative Class Schedule

Week	Date	Topics	Venue	Note
1	Sept. 8	Introduction	FYB 402	
2	Sept. 15 6:30-8:15pm	STOT Workshop I: Research Methodology	TBA	e-add/drop on CUSIS
3	Sept. 24 2:30-4:30pm 6:30-8:30pm	STOT Workshop II: Data Analysis (STATA)	TBA	
4	Sept. 29	Consultation	ELB 910	
5	Oct. 6	Consultation	ELB 910	
6	Oct. 13	Consultation	ELB 910	
7	Oct. 20	Consultation	ELB 910	
8	Oct. 27	Consultation	ELB 910	
9	Nov. 3	Consultation	ELB 910	
10	Nov. 10	Consultation	ELB 910	
11	Nov. 17	Consultation/final presentation	ELB 910/ FYB 402	First draft due on Nov. 20
12	Nov. 24	Final presentation	FYB 402	
13	Dec. 1	Final presentation	FYB 402	
	Dec. 22	Final paper due		