

ECON2901: Guided Studies in Current Economic Problems I

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Course Description

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.

Requirements

Part I (STOT workshops, 20%):

- Attendance (3%), Workshop Assignments (17%).

Part II (Research project, 80%):

- Participation (10%), Class Presentation (30%), Video Presentation (10%), Final Report (30%).

Students will form groups of 3 or 4 people for a research project. At the end of the semester, students will make a 15-min in-class presentation, followed with a 5-min discussion. In the past, students were also required to produce a poster for their group project and present their work in a public exhibition. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, our plan at the moment is to produce a 10-minute video presentation which we will post online.

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Activity
1	Jan 13	Introduction
2	Jan 20	STOT Workshop: Methodology
3	Jan 27	Individual Group Meetings
4	Feb 3	First Round Consultation
5	Feb 10	First Round Consultation
6	Feb 17	Holiday
7	Feb 24	First Round Consultation
8	Mar 3	Second Round Consultation
9	Mar 10	STOT Workshop: English Oral
		Second Round Consultation
10	Mar 17	STOT Workshop: English Oral
		Second Round Consultation
11	Mar 24	STOT Workshop: English Writing
12	Mar 31	Reading Week
13	April 7	STOT Workshop: English Writing
14	April 14	Class Presentation
15	April 21	Class Presentation
16	April 26	Class Presentation