

ECON 4901 (2021 Fall Fri 0930-1115)
Guided Studies in Current Economic Problems II
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Part I consists of 2 workshops on research methodology and data analysis. Part II consists of interactive consultations, classroom discussion, presentation, and write-up of the research projects. English is our language for teaching, discussions and presentation. The course aims at helping students improve their presentation and writing skills through working on a research project of their choice.

Part I: STOT Workshops on week 2 and week 3 (20%)

- (i) **Attendance [4 marks]:** the STOT workshops in weeks 2 and 3.
- (ii) **Assignment [16 marks]:** the STOT-workshops assignments.

Part II: Research Project on week 1, weeks 5-13 (80%)

- (iii) **Attendance and class participation [15 marks]:** Oct 8 is Interactive group consultation and is mandatory. Everyone must come and actively engage in the interactions. Nov 26 and Dec 3 are mandatory as well. You need to show up to present your work and actively discuss your classmates' works. It is a huge disrespect to other students if you show up late. I'll deduct your marks if you do. I'll ask you to grade the other students' presentations. During weeks 6-11, set up a one-on-one consultation with me at least twice at our classroom. You need to prepare the meeting well.
- (iv) **Presentation [25 marks]:** We will randomize the order of the presentations. No one knows who goes first. Each presentation will last for about 20 minutes. The Q&A happens during the presentations. Everyone must attend all the presentations and interact actively with other presenters during her own and others' presentations.
- (v) **Write-up [40 marks]:** The shorter the better. The deadline for the final paper is at 1700 on Dec, 17 2018 (Friday). Students are required to submit both a hardcopy and a softcopy (via VeriGuide). Late submission gets 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/academic_honesty.

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.

Tentative Course Structure

Week	Date	Content	Location	Time
1	Sep 10 Fri	Introduction	Wong Foo Yuan Bldg 402	0930-1115
2	Sep 15 Wed	Research Methodology: Methodology	LSK LT5	1830-2015
3	Sep 24 Fri	Research Methodology: STATA workshop	ELB LT2 (English) LSK LT7 (Cantonese)	1430-1615 1830-2015
4	Oct 1 Fri	No class		
5	Oct 8 Fri	Interactive Group Consultation	Wong Foo Yuan Bldg 402	0930-1115
6	Oct 15 Fri	Individual Consultation	Wong Foo Yuan Bldg 402	0930-1115
7	Oct 22 Fri	Individual Consultation	Wong Foo Yuan Bldg 402	0930-1115
8	Oct 29 Fri	Individual Consultation	Wong Foo Yuan Bldg 402	0930-1115
9	Nov 5 Fri	Individual Consultation	Wong Foo Yuan Bldg 402	0930-1115
10	Nov 12 Fri	Individual Consultation	Wong Foo Yuan Bldg 402	0930-1115
11	Nov 19 Fri	Individual Consultation	Wong Foo Yuan Bldg 402	0930-1115
12	Nov 26 Fri	Presentation and Discussion	Wong Foo Yuan Bldg 402	0930-1115
13	Dec 3 Fri	Presentation and Discussion	Wong Foo Yuan Bldg 402	0930-1115