

# ECON 2901C Guided Studies in Current Economic Problems I

Wed 9:30-11:15pm FYB 106

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## Purpose of this Course

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.

## Grading

	Weight
Participation	15%
Presentation	20%
Final Report	50%
Poster Presentation	15%

The due date of the final report will be announced later in the term. **Late submission will be severely penalized.**

## Poster Presentation

Students are required to produce a poster for their group project and present their work in a public exhibition at the end of April. Students are expected to explain their work to an audience with little or no formal economics training.

For the poster presentation, you are expected to submit:

1. A poster.
2. Several questions with corresponding answers accompanying your poster.
3. Be present at the exhibition on **April 25<sup>th</sup>** to present your poster.

If COVID-19 restrictions prevent us from holding the exhibition, our backup plan is for you to produce a 10-minute video presentation which we will post online.

Tutorials on how to design and print a poster will be posted on Blackboard later in the term.

## 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.