The Chinese University of Hong Kong

ECON 2901 Guided Studies in Current Economic Problems I
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1 Course Description and Objectives

This course 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. After taking this course, students should be able to carry out and present the findings of their own research project.

2 Assessment

Class participation	20%
Presentation	30%
Poster session	10%
Final report	40%
Total	100%

3 Course Requirements

1. Group: Form groups of 1-2 people for a research project. Send me the list of your group member before Jan 31st. Otherwise, I will randomly assign you to a group.

2. Consultation: Each consultation session will be **15 minutes** and can be signed up via the Google sheet here: Sign Up. You should sign up for consultation sessions **before 5pm the day before the consultation**. You are suggested to bring a write-up of ideas, methodology, data, or results when you come to the consultation. Each group must attend a minimum of two consultation sessions, but is limited to a maximum of four consultation sessions.

3. Presentation: Sign up your presentation via the same Google sheet as above: Sign Up (first come first serve). 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.

4. Poster presentation: The poster session will be held at ELB lobby, LT1, LT2, LT3, and LT4 on 25 April 2022 (tentative). We will invite high school students to come and you can present your work in front of them. If not feasible, you can still upload a video on our department website.

5. Final report: The final report should be between **12 and 20 pages** in length (excluding tables, figures, and references). The report needs to contain introduction, literature review, methodology, results, and conclusion. 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 point

Margin: 1 inch all around

Spacing: 0pt before, 0pt after, double line spacing

The deadline for the final paper is **5pm on 20 May 2022 (Friday)**. Students are required to submit both hardcopy and softcopy (via VeriGuide) of their paper to the instructor. Late submission will receive a zero mark.

4 Class Schedule

Date	Venue	Content
12 Jan	ELB305	Introduction
19 Jan	ELB913	Consultation
26 Jan	ELB913	Consultation
2 Feb		No class (Lunar New Year)
9 Feb	ELB913	Consultation
16 Feb	ELB913	Consultation
23 Feb	ELB913	Consultation
2 Mar	ELB913	Consultation
9 Mar	ELB913	Consultation
16 Mar	ELB913	Consultation
23 Mar	ELB913	Consultation
30 Mar	ELB305	Presentation
6 Apr		No class (Reading Week)
13 Apr	ELB305	Presentation
20 Apr	ELB305	Presentation
25 Apr	ELB lobby	Poster presentation

5 Blackboard System

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

6 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.