

# The Chinese University of Hong Kong

## ECON 2901 Guided Studies in Current Economic Problems I Spring Term, 2022-2023

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### 1 Course Description and Objectives

ECON 2901 is divided into two parts. The first part involves lectures (conducted in English), classroom discussion, and presentation of research projects. The second part includes the designing of a poster and students presenting their final findings in front of the public. 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.

### 2 Assessment

Class participation	15%
In-class presentation	20%
Poster presentation	15%
Final report	50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 3 Course Requirements

1. Group: Form groups of 2-3 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 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: TBA.
5. Final report: The final report should be between **10 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 19 May 2023 (Friday)**. Students are required

to submit a softcopy (via VeriGuide) of their paper to the instructor. Late submission will receive a zero mark.

## 4 Class Schedule

Date	Venue	Content
11 Jan	YIA410	Introduction
18 Jan	ELB913	Consultation
25 Jan	No Class	Lunar New Year
1 Feb	ELB913	Consultation
8 Feb	ELB913	Consultation
15 Feb	ELB913	Consultation
22 Feb	ELB913	Consultation
2 Mar (Thursday)	ELB913	Consultation
8 Mar	No Class	Reading Week
15 Mar	ELB913	Consultation
22 Mar	ELB913	Consultation
29 Mar	ELB913	Consultation
5 Apr	No class	Ching Ming Festival
12 Apr	YIA410	Presentation
19 Apr	YIA410	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.