

# ECON 4901B: Guided Studies in Current Economic Problems II

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## 1. Course Description and Objectives

ECON 4901 is divided into two parts. The first part contains two workshops that focus on research methodology and use of economic data. The second part involves lectures (conducted in English), classroom discussion, and presentation of research projects. 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. Class Schedule

Below is the tentative schedule for the course.

Date	Time	Venue	Content
6 Sep, 2023 (Wed)	9:30 am - 11:15 am	WFY 107B	Introduction
14 Sep, 2023 (Thu)	5:30 pm - 7:15 pm	LSK-LT2	Workshop I
18 Sep, 2023 (Mon)	Session A (Can.): 5:30 pm - 7:15 pm	LSK-LT4	Workshop II
21 Sep, 2023 (Thu)	Session B (Eng.): 5:30 pm - 7:15 pm	LSK-LT1	(bring laptop)
27 Sep, 2023 (Wed)	9:30 am - 11:15 am	ELB 904	Consultation
4 Oct, 2023 (Wed)	9:30 am - 11:15 am	ELB 904	Consultation
11 Oct, 2023 (Wed)	9:30 am - 11:15 am	ELB 904	Consultation
18 Oct, 2023 (Wed)	9:30 am - 11:15 am	ELB 904	Consultation
25 Oct, 2023 (Wed)	9:30 am - 11:15 am	ELB 904	Consultation
1 Nov, 2023 (Wed)	9:30 am - 11:15 am	ELB 904	Consultation
8 Nov, 2023 (Wed)	9:30 am - 11:15 am	ELB 904	Consultation
15 Nov, 2023 (Wed)	9:30 am - 11:15 am	ELB 904	Consultation
22 Nov, 2023 (Wed)	9:30 am - 11:15 am	WFY 107B	Final Presentation
29 Nov, 2023 (Wed)	9:30 am - 11:15 am	WFY 107B	Final Presentation

### 3. Assessment

<b>Part I</b>	<b>STOT Workshops</b>	
	Attendance	4%
	Assignments	16%
<b>Part II</b>	<b>Research Projects</b>	
	Attendance and Participation	15%
	Presentation	25%
	Final Report	40%
<hr/> <b>Total</b>		100%

### 4. Course Requirements

#### 4.1. STOT Workshops (20%)

1. To encourage students to attend the STOT workshops, attendance and participation is counted as a part of the course assessment. A total of 4 marks are assigned to the students attendance and participation.
2. To encourage students to better understand the materials covered in the STOT workshops, assignments are given and graded. A total of 16 marks are allocated to the STOT-workshops assignments

#### 4.2. Research Projects (80%)

1. Consultation: Each consultation session will be 20 minutes and the schedules are posted in the Groups at the Blackboard system. Students should sign up for consultation sessions before 5pm the day before the consultation. Students are suggested to bring a write-up of ideas, methodology and data to see the instructor. Each student must attend a minimum of three consultation sessions, but is limited to a maximum of four consultation sessions. A total of 5 marks are allocated to the consultation participation.
2. Presentation: The order of the presentation will be determined in the randomly. Each presentation will be no more than 15-20 minutes in length, followed by a 5-minute discussion and Q&A. Each student must attend all final presentations. A total of 10 marks are allocated to the presentation participation and a total of 25 marks are allocated to the presentation.
3. Final paper: The final paper should be between 12 and 20 pages in length (excluding tables, figures, and references). 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 5 pm on 16 December 2023 (Friday). Students are required to submit both hardcopy (to the instructor's assignment box located on the 9th floor of the ELB) and softcopy (via VeriGuide) of their papers to the instructor. Late submission will receive a zero mark. A total of 40 marks are allocated to the paper.

**Special Arrangement:** In case it is impossible to submit the hardcopy of your papers, send a soft copy of your paper to me through email. The same deadline applies here.

#### 4.3. Reminder

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

### 5. 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.