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**ECON 4901**  
**Guided Studies in Current Economic Problems II**  
**Course Outline**

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**Classroom:** FYB 107B

**Course Description and Objectives**

The course aims to introduce the basic skills of conducting economic research and develop a student's ability to analyze economic problems. 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.

**Part 1: STOT Workshops (20%)**

- (i) 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 student's attendance and participation.
- (ii) 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

Week 2: Research Methodology (lecture)

Week 3: Research Methodology (laboratory)

**Part 2: Research Project (80%)**

Week 1, and 4-13: Consultations, proposal presentations and final presentations.

Attendance, Class and Consultation Participation	15 marks
Presentation	25 marks
Paper	40 marks

Students are required to submit both hardcopy and softcopy of their paper to the instructor.

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.