

ECON 4901

Guided Studies in Current Economic Problems II

Course Outline

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

In order to refresh their research skills, 2 compulsory workshops will be held in the second and third week of class. Tentative schedule follows:

Week 2: Methodology I by Dr. Wallace Mok (second week of class)

14 Sept (Thu)
5:30pm – 7:15pm
LSK_LT2

Week 3: Methodology II by Dr. Vinci Chow (third week of class)

Cantonese:	English:
18 Sept (Mon)	21 Sept (Thu)
5:30pm – 7:15pm	5:30pm – 7:15pm
LSK_LT4	LSK_LT1

Part 2: Research Project (80%)

Supervisor: S. Ghosh, sghosh03d@yahoo.com

Week 1: We shall meet in the assigned classroom. The research supervisor in charge of this group, Prof. S. Ghosh, will deliver a lecture on modelling and strategic thinking in current economics, as well as lay down the ground rules for the course.

Location:

Thursday 10:30AM - 12:15PM
Esther Lee Bldg 304

Weeks 4-13: Meeting time and place to be determined as we go along. In all weeks the supervisor will be available to meet (by e-mail appointment). In the final weeks, say the final 2 or 3 weeks, we will schedule presentations.

Evaluation and Rules

Attendance and Class participation	15 marks
Presentation	25 marks
Paper	40 marks

This is a major required STOT course for final year students, in which each student is expected to be able to use all the skills they acquired in their past 3 years and complete a research project independently under your guidance. 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.

All STOT sections adhere to this same course assessment scheme. The range of grade distributions for the students' performance in each section is required to have reasonable variations. Moreover, the grade distribution should be in line with the guidelines set forth by the Registration and Examination Section.