



ECON 4901H
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.

THE TEACHING TEAM

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GRADING

Part 1: STOT Workshops (20 marks)

- (i) To encourage students to attend the STOT workshops, attendance is counted as a part of the course assessment. A total of 4 marks are assigned to the student's attendance.
- (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 marks)

Attendance	5 marks
Class participation	10 marks
Presentation	25 marks
Paper	40 marks

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.

Please also note that the use of AI/Generative AI is not allowed in any course components.

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

SCHEDULE

	Date	Time	Venue
Introduction	5 th Sept (Thu)	10:30am-12:15pm	ELB 304
Research Methodology (Theory)	13 th Sept (Fri)	6:30pm-8:15pm	Zoom
Research Methodology (Lab)	19/20 Sept (Mon)	Check Email	Check Email
Consultation Period	26 Sept until 21st Nov (every Thur)	10:30am-12:15pm	ELB 905 (teacher's office)
Presentation and Discussion	28 th Nov	10:30am-12:15pm	ELB 905

FINAL PAPER

Due by 23rd December (Friday) at noon. Details on how to submit will be released in due course

Paper format: 15 pages **maximum** (text) using a 12-pt font size. You can add as many figures, tables and other non-text materials.