

ECON 4903
ECONOMICS - THEORY AND REALITY
2nd Term, 2024-2025

Tentative Syllabus

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Course Description:

This course, designed for final year majors, aims at integrating holistically the economics knowledge acquired by the student from the diverse major and elective courses prescribed in the programme. In particular, students are guided to apply what they have learnt to analyze and understand real economic events and to predict future trends. Economic issues and problems of current interest will be emphasized. In the process, students gain useful insights in the demands of different occupations and become better informed in their own career planning.

Course Assessment Scheme:

Poster and presentation:	60%
Individual Reflection report:	15%
Resume submission and career preparation:	20%
Attendance:	5%

Group Project:

Students are required to produce a poster for their group project and present their work in a public exhibition at the end of April. Students are expected to explain their work to an audience with little or no formal economics training.

The topic of this year's poster presentation will be *Hong Kong as a Trade Hub: Past, Present and the Future*. We would like you to **present an economic research on one of Hong Kong trade partners**. You do *not* have to conduct original research as in ECON 4901—it is perfectly acceptable to use existing literature to back your proposal. For the purpose of this project, each province in China is considered one trade partner, while outside of China, each country is considered one trade partner.

For the group project, you are expected to:

1. Create and print a poster
2. Presenting your poster during the exhibition.
3. Submit several questions with corresponding answers accompanying your poster

Note:

Course announcements will be posted on the class Blackboard (<https://blackboard.cuhk.edu.hk>) Please check frequently.

Course Structure

A. Knowledge Transfer to General Public (Required)

- Form a group and come up with economic research.
- Meeting with instructor at least twice while your group work on your poster.
- Public Poster presentation in April.

B. Write a short reflection paper on your university life (Required)

- Due at the end of the term.

C. Resume submission (Required)

- Due at the beginning of February.

D. Career Preparation (Choose 1 from each category)

Category 1

- Individual interview practice and career consultation - schedule a meeting with Ms. Jacqueline Lam (jacqueline.lam@cuhk.edu.hk)
- Do an internship or attend a job interview

Category 2

- Take an online course (Bloomberg Market Concepts, EdX, Coursera, ...)
- Attend an event organized by the university's career office or a workshop organized by the department.

Ms. Jacqueline Lam's instant messaging contact:

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