

MATH 2623 - Quantitative Reasoning

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 13, CRN 43404,

Credit hours: 3

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Course Description

2623. Quantitative Reasoning. Mathematics models emphasizing basic ideas in mathematics and statistics, stressing concept formation rather than manipulative skills. Prereq.: YSU Mathematics Placement Level 15 or higher. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Common Sense Mathematics (2nd Edition)	Ethan D. Bolker & Maura B. Mast	9781470461348

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Chapter 1	Calculating on the Back of an Envelope	
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9/7	Chapter 2	Units and Unit Conversions	
9/14	Chapter 3	Percentages, Sales Tax and Discounts	
9/21	Chapter 4	Inflation	
9/28	Chapter 5	Average Values	
10/5	Chapter 6	Income Distribution- Spreadsheets, Charts, and Statistics	
10/12	Chapter 7	Electricity Bills and Income Taxes- Linear Functions	
10/19	Chapter 8	Linear Functions	
10/26	Chapter 9	Compound Interest- Exponential Growth	
11/2	Chapter 10	Borrowing and Saving	
11/9	Chapter 11	Probability- Counting, Betting, Insurance	
11/16	Chapter 12	Break the Bank- Independent Events	
11/23	Chapter 13	How Good Is That Test?	
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12/7	Finals Week		

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