

Southern State is one of 10 colleges to join *QuantNet Ohio*

Southern State Community College is pleased to announce its new partnership with *QuantNet Ohio, Statewide Network for Teaching Quantitative Reasoning Effectively*. They join 9 other Ohio colleges and universities that are part of this premier group.

QuantNet Ohio is a professional development network of Quantitative Reasoning (QR) instructors at Ohio's colleges and universities. Building on the work of the Ohio Mathematics Initiative (OMI) and Ohio Transfer 36, *QuantNet Ohio* supports Ohio's diverse teaching workforce for freshman-level Quantitative Reasoning (QR).

Students at Southern State can benefit from this unique alliance by enrolling in the College's very own Quantitative Reasoning (QR) course that will be offered this fall. The QR course will provide students with the necessary tools needed to analyze mathematical concepts within their job or everyday life.

"Traditional math classes focus more on the 'how' but QR is also heavily focused on the 'why' which is necessary for all, students and educators alike. In a world driven by data, QR gives students the tools to understand, analyze, and interpret the data, regardless of the situation," says Southern State's Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Erika Goodwin.

Leading Southern State's QR classes are instructors Bob Krauss and Zac Kronick.

"Students can struggle with mathematical concepts, and QR is designed to break down those barriers and allow students to not only understand math in a way they may not have before but also how to use it in their everyday life," says Krauss.

"Being part of *QuantNet Ohio* will help us make this course even more beneficial for all students, as it will allow us to have meaningful discussions with not just ourselves, but other math faculty from both colleges and universities across the state to ensure the material we provide our students is informative, relevant, and engaging," he adds.

A well-designed QR class engages students in relevant, real-world contexts, and encourages them to develop their critical thinking skills. Being able to reason quantitatively is empowering

because it enables individuals to analyze data, make informed decisions, solve problems, and succeed in our modern society.

Instructor Zac Kronick also states that “the image most people have of a college-level math course involves a professor lecturing at the front of the room with students frantically trying to take notes. QR is not your typical college-level math course. In QR, students learn to think for themselves by engaging in activities that promote critical thinking. I am excited to participate in *QuantNet Ohio*.”

Beginning August 21, students will have the option to attend QR completely online or hybrid, which is a blend of online and in-person. Two hybrid classes will be offered; one at Brown Co. Campus in Mt. Orab on Wednesdays from 9 – 10:49 a.m. and another one at Central Campus in Hillsboro on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. – 12:49 p.m.

For questions, or to obtain more information, please call 800.628.7722, Ext. 2825.

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