The Faculty of Arts and Sciences recently voted to approve a revision to Harvard College’s General Education requirements. Among the newly adopted changes will be the requirement of a course in Empirical and Mathematical Reasoning:

**One Course in Empirical and Mathematical Reasoning**
This requirement ensures that students reach a level of quantitative facility involving mathematical, statistical, and computational methods that will enable them to think critically about data as it is employed in fields of inquiry across the FAS and SEAS. These courses will also help prepare students for more advanced coursework involving quantitative methods. We propose that a committee be formed of faculty from across the College to define the goals of this category in detail, evaluate the extent to which those goals are currently being fulfilled, and provide guidance on what changes (if any) should be made to the group of courses that currently meet this requirement. Courses fulfilling this requirement should be available at levels suitable for students with a range of quantitative backgrounds.