Liberal Learning Quantitative Reasoning:
All TCNJ students must take a course in mathematics as part of their general education requirements. We specify that sociology majors choose one of the following options:

Option 1: Statistics (STA 115, B- minimum)
Option 2: Statistical Inference (STA 215, C minimum)

Department Core Requirements: (4 units)
Students must earn the grade minimum in prerequisite courses (as noted below) before they may register for department core courses.

Introduction to Sociology – SOC 101
(or HON 216 – The Sociological Perspective)
Sociology explores the intersection of biography and history. Students learn the basic foundations of sociology, including its development as a field of inquiry, early sociological theory, and methodology. The course also analyzes social organization, addressing culture, structure, socialization, and social control.
Because Sociology emphasizes social stratification and social inequality, students investigate how culture, class, race, sex, family, medicine, business, religion, education, and government affect our lives. Special attention is paid to the impact of society on self and understanding social structure.
[Grade minimum: B-]

Development of Socio-cultural Theory – SOC 301
(Must be taken at The College of New Jersey)
Prerequisites: SOC 101 or HON 216
The response of social theorists to the consequences of the industrial revolution and the issues of capitalism, secularism, industrialism, modern consciousness, and the socio-critical enterprise, as seen through the work of such theorists as Marx, Durkheim, and Weber. Contemporary development of these theories will also be discussed.
[Grade minimum: C]

Quantitative Research Methods – SOC 302
(Must be taken at The College of New Jersey)
Prerequisites: SOC 101 or HON 216 and STA 115 or STA 215
The course is designed to familiarize students with quantitative research methodology, methods of quantitative data collection, and analysis of quantitative data used in sociology. Students will learn one of the most widely used statistical software packages in the social sciences (SPSS) and conduct independent research using one of the most widely used sources of quantitative social data, the General Social Survey (GSS).
[Grade minimum: C]

Senior Seminar in Sociology – SOC 499
(Must be taken at The College of New Jersey)
Prerequisites: SOC 301 and SOC 302
Culminating experience for sociology majors. Course draws on skills and knowledge of sociology courses as well as knowledge gained from the liberal arts broadly construed. An internship is a major required element of this seminar. With departmental approval only, exceptional students may substitute two semesters of SOC 495: Senior Thesis in Sociology for SOC 499.
[Grade minimum: C-]