The Environmental Health and Safety and Sustainability Department (EH&S/S) seeks motivated students to expand sustainability initiatives across campus. EH&S/S maintains an environmentally responsible and safe campus by managing the Sustainability Task Force, campus waste, and hazardous materials. EH&S/S works with groups on campus, including Green Campus, to coordinate sustainability projects.

Qualifications: Students from all majors are encouraged to apply. Ideal candidates want to do meaningful work for the college, are curious about sustainable practices on campus, and are motivated to conduct self-directed projects.

Details: Interns are expected to work 8-10 hours per week for one semester. Interns will meet weekly with their Internship Mentor in the EH&S office and regularly with their faculty advisor. Interns are expected to pursue projects they are passionate about, involve real research, planning, and will engage them with different members of the campus community.

Credit: Students may apply for credit after working with EH&S/S to find a faculty sponsor and project of appropriate scope and depth. ENVS students may use the internship as their Integrating Experience by signing up for course ENVS 405 and after consultation with their major advisor. All students can petition for general credit (INTR). To earn INTR or ENVS credit, please complete an internship contract and submit to the Career Development office. All interns will develop an academic plan with their faculty mentor. Examples include keeping a record of their experience, reporting their work and research in a paper, and presenting their work to campus groups such as the Sustainability Task Force.

Available Internships and Sample Projects:

1. Communications Intern
   a. Develop routine updates for the Facebook page including pictures, factoids, and discussion starters.
   b. Creating a blog for Facebook and the website that highlights people and groups on campus working on sustainability.
   c. Reaching out to other student groups and inviting them to participate in sustainability events/practices.
   d. Miscellaneous public engagement projects.

2. Community Involvement Intern
   a. Seek opportunities to work with groups on and off campus on sustainability through gardening, composting, education at local schools, education of student groups, working with houses and RAs.
   b. Promote on campus discussion, e.g., organizing a faculty/staff/student discussion series on sustainability

3. Analyst Intern
   a. Conduct research and gather data on sustainability at Trinity based on personal interest and data needs for
      i. The Sustainability Strategic Plans for 2013
      ii. The Climate Action Plan
      iii. Reporting for National Programs, such as Stars

4. Waste Minimization Intern
   a. Create systems that eliminate specific wastes, such as reusable container programs or water fountains.
   b. Contact event coordinators to plan recycling and composting at major events.
   c. Develop ideas to reduce waste at Trinity.
   d. Work with facilities to improve waste disposal, recycling, and composting.

5. Sustainable Living Intern
   a. Develop a Green Office and/or a Green Dorm program including criteria, incentives, rewards, marketing, and initial applications.
   b. Work with Residential Life, RAs, and house councils to foster dorm sustainability, e.g., through programming.

To apply, contact Kira Sargent at Kira.Sargent@Trincoll.edu for application instructions.

Learn more about sustainability at Trinity at http://www.trincoll.edu/AboutTrinity/offices/sustainability/Pages/default.aspx