

# University Housing Community Council EcoRep

## Position Description

**Summary of Position:** The EcoRep position is an addition to each building's community council executive board. The EcoReps are responsible for attending bi-weekly meetings with advisors to learn about current issues in sustainability and the environment, then educating those in their residence halls about those issues through active and passive programming and bulletin boards. The EcoReps also assist the rest of the community council executive board and general body in efforts to increase sustainability within their buildings.

### Position Details

- One to two people per community council
- Serves on the community council (council may choose how the position is filled)
  - Elected: through general election process in the fall
  - Appointed: by community council executive board/general body
  - Volunteer: email sent out from RHD asking for volunteers from the community
- Attends EcoRep meeting with Sustainability Coordinator, Office of Sustainability Intern and other EcoReps twice a month
  - Discussion of green initiatives around campus
  - Program planning brainstorming sessions
  - Speakers and field trips
  - Discussion and reflection of current events in sustainability
- Runs one program during the academic year with the help of their entire community council
  - Can be any type of program
  - Must follow guidelines/expectations set out at the beginning of the academic year
- Responsible for a Green Bulletin Board
  - Should highlight sustainability topic of their choice
  - Obtain approval from RHD for bulletin board
- EcoReps will be responsible for presenting a pledge to their executive boards including, but not limited to, the following actions:
  - Recycle and waste reduction at every program
  - Use only what we need (paper, decorations, cutlery, etc.)
  - Local food for at least 25% of programs
  - Utilize reusable serving utensils, bowls, plates, and cups for programming
- Constitutional changes may occur
  - Sustainability Coordinator will provide phrasing for additional EcoReps if necessary
  - Funds for next year's EcoRep may be allocated at this time

### Benefits and Special Opportunities

- Free travel to the Southeastern EcoRep Conference during Spring Semester
- Obtain experiential learning credit
- Leadership development
- Trip to Athens Recycling Facility and Landfill
- Guest speakers and hands on activities at bi-weekly meetings
- Overnight group camping retreat during fall semester
- Field trip to UGarden to help with harvesting