INTERNSHIP PROFILE: 
BEN FEHR

Major: Environmental Sciences, May 2015
Certificates: Environmental Studies, Global Health

Sustainability Intern at Madison Environmental Group, LLC in Madison, WI

What were your primary responsibilities?
Identify baseline data and establish numerical targets to be implemented in the Monona Sustainability Plan; organize and refine the City of Monona Sustainability Plan to be better suited for Monona residents; visit the Hub On Campus construction site to monitor indoor air quality and recycling efforts and to determine LEED compliance; complete greenhouse gas assessments and waste audits for local clients; perform deconstruction management services

How did you find out about this internship?
I saw projects on campus that the Madison Environmental Group, LLC was working on and I checked out their website.

What were the most rewarding aspects of your experience?
The real-world work environment. I was able to experience the day-to-day activities of an environmental consulting firm, as well as learn and develop the professional skills necessary for interacting with community stakeholders. I learned that persistence is key for obtaining information from clients, that a high level of initiative is essential for delivering success, and that establishing an effective rapport with clients is important for communicating solutions. My internship experience here truly solidified my desire to pursue a career in environmental consulting.

What advice would you give students who are considering an internship?
Attending lectures and discussions can only teach you so much - obtaining an internship within your field will not only give you practical experience, but it will also help you decide if you are in the right field.