IMPORTANT ADVICE ON ADVISING STUDENTS

Your main role is to:
• Respond to questions from prospective OCS student participants
• Share your own program experience and help get students started on their search by helping them analyze their own situation, identify and explore the various program options available
• Encourage students to use all sources of information and guidance on our website and on campus
• Help with information sessions and advocate for study abroad across the campus community

As a student who has studied abroad, you know the common questions that students want to ask but sometimes never do. You may have had similar concerns and your insight can enable other students to embrace off-campus study. Don’t neglect to give students a realistic picture of the experience, including the ups and downs. Go beyond “It was awesome!”

Help OCS by:
• Referring student questions to us
• Giving us constructive feedback on how we’re doing
• Let us know what we can do to help

DO NOT:
• Don’t advise on Colby OCS policies and procedures if you are not sure. Beware of mis-information!
• Don’t give medical advice
• Don’t push students into something that may or may not be a good fit for them but do talk honestly about your own experience
• Don’t gloss over the negatives (if any). They are an important part of the experience.
• Don’t hesitate to refer them to OCS for more information

REFER STUDENTS TO THE OCS WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

• FAQs
• Getting Started
• Program Opportunities
• Choosing the Program That is Right For You worksheet
• Colby student feedback in the online evaluations
• Financing Off-Campus Study
• Forms & FAQ

Call OCS at (207) 859-4500 or stop by Eustis 103 to schedule an appointment.

Thank you for volunteering to help your fellow students!

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