

Advising philosophy

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My goal when advising students is make sure that every student who comes to see me leaves my office knowing that they have the answers they needed -- if not precisely the ones they were hoping for -- and that they have been correctly advised; that they have been listened to and that they have been treated with respect; that their concerns have been taken seriously and that they are important as human beings and students at UD. I also believe it is important for the student to see the whole picture, not just the next semester, so I take the time to go over options and possibilities, especially the possibility of studying abroad, which must be fully integrated into the student's curriculum for it to be academically meaningful. I want my advisees to understand and feel that they are in control of their future, that they have options should things not work out as planned, and that I'm there to either get them back on track or make a new plan, not to judge or criticize them. And I do my best to be there for when they need me.