

Sunway sets you on American route

AN American education is known throughout the world for its excellence, flexibility and for the range of opportunities it affords.

And for entry into American universities, there is no easier way than through the American Degree Transfer Program (ADTP) at Sunway University College.

Sunway offers a true-credit transfer programme as its ADTP uses an almost exact syllabi and course curricula as its collaborator partner of 20 years, Western Michigan University (WMU).

"Students accumulate credits during their two years at Sunway and transfer them to WMU," says department head and economics lecturer, Sumitha Ganesharatnam.

"But there is flexibility if students want to transfer off after one year if they complete a minimum of 30 credit hours."

Sunway students are given guaranteed acceptance into a premier US varsity when they complete the requirements.

As Sunway students' credit transfers are benchmarked against WMU, which is widely recognised, they may transfer to other US universities should they decide not to enjoy the twinning benefits of WMU.

WMU, founded in 1903, is one of only 102 public universities placed in the highest category of doctoral-research universities by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of



Sunway University College students at the recent Halloween Night event at the college.

Teaching.

It is in the top 100 public American universities, rated by *US News & World Report 2006* magazine.

"The ADTP at Sunway focuses on quality education," says Sumitha.

"We have to keep up with the pace and standard that has been set by WMU.

"They moderate the final papers in the programme as well as provide teaching material for the variety of courses that they offer at Sunway."

The syllabus includes core papers, proficiency assessments and General Education subjects. The main programmes at Sunway are in business administration, communications,

computer science, natural science, engineering and aviation.

The ADTP at Sunway places emphasis on specialised knowledge with a broad education.

Higher education subjects, which include the liberal arts and humanities, are read along with major courses in the first two years as is the

requirement of higher education in the United States.

The main purpose is to make sure students develop a well-rounded background.

"This year itself, we've introduced five new subjects — journalism, communication enquiry, engineering statistics, nature of creativity and introduction to engineering computing," says Sumitha.

"Also, when students pass the core English papers, they would not need to sit for TOEFL, IS or any English assessment when transferring to America," she adds.

Students can proceed directly to the ADTP after completing secondary school. By completing part of the degree at Sunway for the first 20 to 24 months and transferring to the US for the remaining 20 to 24 months, a student can save 40 per cent of the entire cost.

"At Sunway, we have students from at least 30 different countries," says Sumitha.

"Hence, we call it a holistic learning experience. We strive to maintain academic quality, organise field trips to industries and extra curricular activities."

Last year, a group of 31 ADTP engineering students visited the Malaysia Airlines Engineering and Maintenance Division facility at Subang Airport.

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