STUDYING abroad gives students access to 'world-class' academic programmes, besides offering cross-cultural advantages.

More than 460,000 international students enrol in the United States each year — more than to any other country.

Among the educational magnets in the US is Western Michigan University. America's 60th largest university (out of more than 3,000 universities and colleges), it is rated among the top 100 national universities in the US.

Students from Malaysia make up the largest group of the university's foreign students.

In fact, WMU is Malaysia's favourite American university, according to the Malaysian American Commission on Educational Exchange.

Sunway College has a twinning programme with WMU, widening the scope of educational opportunities and access for students to study abroad by allowing them to complete the first half of their foreign degree programme at the college.

The twinning programme with WMU at Sunway began in 1987, and since then more than 1,700 students have enrolled in it.

A full-time resident director from WMU oversees the programme at Sunway College and help counsel student.

Students are accepted directly after completing their Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (forecast results are accepted for the January intake).

Most students may complete their degrees in three-and-a-half years.

Savings range from 25 to 40 per cent of the degree programme if done entirely in the US.

Students are guaranteed acceptance by WMU.

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