Rich mix of pre-university programmes at Sunway

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Sunway College's Pre-University programmes provide just the right stepping stones to academic and professional qualifications from reputable overseas universities.

Sunway College has always believed in producing well-rounded individuals who not only excel academically, but who also boast a sound knowledge of the world around them.

Sunway offers four pre-university programmes: The Australian Matriculation Programme (AUSMAT), GCE A-levels (Cambridge Board), the Canadian International Matriculation Programme (CIMP) and the Monash University Foundation Year (MUFY) programme.

For students looking for places at universities in Australia - as well as universities in Britain, Canada, New Zealand, the US, or even universities in Malaysia - one way to go could be through the Australian Matriculation Programme.

Divided equally between coursework and external examinations, students excelling in this programme will find themselves amply rewarded.

The Tertiary Entrance Score subjects offered by Sunway College are examined in the Tertiary Entrance Examinations which are public exams conducted by the Western Australian Government through its representative body, the Curriculum Council in Perth.

To graduate with the Western Australia Certificate of Education, students need to successfully complete courses in English or English as a Second Language (ESL), and four other subjects from the following: Economics, Advanced Malay, Advanced Chinese, Modern World History, Accounting, Chemistry, Biology and Human Biology, Discrete Mathematics, Mathematics, Calculus and Physics.

One of the most widely recognised pre-university qualifications offered at Sunway College are GCE A-levels.

Sunway's popular A-level programme offers students a wide range of subjects including Accounting, Economics, Law, Mathematics, Management of Business, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Further Mathematics, History, General Paper and English.

A-levels are a favourite among students as they are internationally recognised and accepted by universities in Britain, the US, Australia, New Zealand, India and Singapore.

They are also accepted by Monash University's branch campus in Malaysia and by all twinning degree programmes offered at Sunway.

Students should also consider the Canadian International Matriculation Programme (CIMP) which is a part course-work, part examination-based course.

Started in 1990, the programme is accepted by most international universities and is identical to the programme offered by secondary schools in Ontario, Canada.

Students who successfully complete the programme graduate with the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

The CIMP, which has been approved by the Ministry of Education, offers university preparatory or Ontario Academic Courses (OAC), while those who need additional basic skills can take foundation or pre-OAC subjects.

The subjects offered by the OAC are: Accounting, English, History, Biology, Physics, Computer Studies, Geography (World Issues), Algebra and Geometry, Finite Mathematics, Families in Society, Economics, Law, Calculus and Chemistry.

The pre-OAC courses offered are English as a Second Language, Computer Fundamentals and Mathematics.

Students need to complete six OAC courses to formally graduate with the OSSD.

The main attraction of this programme is its flexibility as it allows students to do a number of subjects over one semester. Students accumulate the subjects as they progress from one semester to the next until they pass the minimum of six subjects to graduate.

The programme's flexibility also provides non-Science SPM-holders another opportunity to take science-based courses.

The CIMP has two intakes each year, one in January and another in July.

The latest addition to Sunway's list of pre-university courses is the Monash University Foundation Year (MUFY) which prepares students for entry into undergraduate courses both at Monash and other universities around Australia.

Graduates of this one-year full-time course are guaranteed places in the undergraduate course of their choice at Monash University.

Sunway College is the only college in Malaysia appointed by Monash University to offer their MUFY programme. The programme is approved and monitored by Monash University.

Subjects offered via the MUFY programme are English, Mathematics A, Mathematics B, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Accounting, Economics and Computer Science.

The programme has intakes in late January, April and September providing timely links between the completion of courses at Sunway and the commencement of university studies in the following year at Australian universities.

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