Popular IT courses at Sunway College

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SunWAY College’s School of IT and Multimedia offers numerous courses for school leavers to sue computer studies leading to a degree from a British university.

Its short-term courses are for a duration of one month to six months and Sunway College is one of the authorised test centres for PC Competency Test which gauges and evaluates a person’s skills in general computer proficiency.

Under skills training, the school offers popular courses such as Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) and Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP).

The degree course is a three-year programme in association with the National Computing Centre (NCC), Britain. NCC is a special degree route programme which will ultimately lead to a BSc (Hons) in Computing and Information Systems.

SPM school leavers can enter at the diploma level and, if successful, will be awarded the NCC International Diploma in Computer Studies (IDCS).

An advantage of this programme is the award of a recognised qualification after the successful completion of each year of study. Students who qualify for IDCS can immediately look forward to becoming programmers in IT-related industries.

The course is open to students from Malaysian Independent Chinese Secondary Schools (MICSS) and mature students. Others who do not meet these requirements can take up the Basic Certificate in Information Technology or the Advanced Certificate in Information Technology based on their qualifications.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: Sunway College’s IT students exchanging pointers as they gather at the campus for their orientation

Upon the completion of the IDCS, students will do the Advanced Diploma which prepares them to participate in the analysis and development of computer-based systems.

After one year, they will sit for an exam to obtain the International Advanced Diploma (IAD) in Computer Studies. IAD graduates have good employment opportunities in IT-based organisations and they can become analysts or business systems analysts. Final year students can look forward to becoming business analysts, project managers, software managers, technical consultants or systems administrators.

After passing the IAD, they will do the final year of the NCC Graduate Diploma in Computing & Information Systems (DCIS) examinations.

Students will be required to produce a thesis which will qualify them for a BSc (Hons) in Computing & Information Systems.

Other courses conducted at Sunway College include Multimedia, JAVA Script & Programming and PC Engineering.

The college is also collaborating with IT-based organisations like Sun Microsystems, Microsoft Press, UBS Sdn Bhd and the Institute of Commercial Management.

As the special features of its IT courses, Sunway College’s director of the School of IT and Multimedia, Kanendran T. Arulrajah, said: “Students pursue practical-based lessons that incorporate syllabuses from Microsoft, Sun Microsystems and FACT Accounting.”

Kanendran said the college has good working relationship with the industry and many students are involved in projects with Sungei Way Group of Companies and IT organisations. He said the college has also established strong dealings with Multimedia Development Corporation (MDC) and Mimos.

Sunway College was recently appointed as an Authorised JAVA Training Centre (AJTC) for the Value-Added Instructional Programme (VIP) by Sun Microsystems and with this collaboration, JAVA courses will be incorporated at all levels of the programmes.

Sunway College’s partnership with Western Michigan University (WMU) and Victoria University of Technology (VUT) also avails an opportunity for students to major in subjects related to IT. For more information, call (03) 735-8622 or fax: (03) 735-8633 or visit Sunway’s homepage at www.sunway.edu.my.