Students with Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia can immedi­ately enter into a degree programme at Sunway College without going through a matriculation pro­gramme if they take up the twinning programme with the Western Michigan University.

The structure of the programme allows a student to do this without affecting his studies in any way.

But that is not all that is special about the WMU pro­gramme, as it is known around the campus.

The progrcunme is called a true twinning progrsunme because classes at Sunway College are conducted in exactly the same maimer as they are in the United States. This approach is the best, according to feedback from the more than 2,000 students who have graduated from the progTcunme.

"It (the American approach) is a much welcome change from the British education system," says Tan Karr Wei who is pursuing her Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Broadcasting at WMU.

Tan, who received the New Scholar Award from the university, said the programme has prepared her well.

"Apart from studying the American curriculum, lec­turers at Sunway who have been to the US also gave us much advice on life there," she said.

"This helped us have a better idea of what to expect, making it easier for us to cope with the changes at WMU," said another student Usman Ahmed from Pakistan.

From the very beginning, students were exposed to the American method of assessing students' participa­tion, regular coursework and assignments, not just the final examinations.

The programme allows students to opt for a degree qualification in five fields - business administration, com­puter science, engineering, natural science and mass communication.

WMU's business degree is recognised as one of the top business degrees worldwide while its engineering programme is ranked 19th in the US by the US News and World Report 1996. Qualified students are assured of a place at the uni­versity and are guaranteed a place in the areas of study of their choice.

Emphasis is placed on balanced education and to that end, students at both Sunway and WMU are encouraged to participate in sports and other recreational activities for a well-balanced life.

The next intake for the programme is in January. For further details, please call 03-7358622.