College's winning ways

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Sunway College and its American twinning programme partner, Western Michigan University, guarantee a high-quality programme, thus producing high-quality graduates.

With Sunway College's reputation as one of the leading private colleges in the country and WMU, ranked as one of the 100 Best Buys Colleges in the US, the twinning programme ensures its students of earning a quality American degree.

WMU is one of the 300 institutions of higher learning in the US to be accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

It was placed 19th for undergraduate and masters programme in the Engineering studies by the US News College Ranking.

Sunway and WMU offer a wide variety of twinning programmes including Business Administration, Engineering, Computer Science, Mass Communications and Natural Sciences.

All courses are four-year programmes, requiring about two years of study at Sunway College and two years at WMU.

Unlike other twinning programmes, the Sunway/WMU twinning programmes are based on the American system of education which requires students to take a number of general subjects in addition to their chosen field of study.

The twinning programmes allow students entry into university studies without taking up pre-university courses.

A strong point for students enrolled in the programme is the presence of WMU's resident director at the campus at all times to oversee the delivery of the programmes and also to attend to their needs.

The resident director for WMU at the college Professor Richard W. Pippen said student enrolment for all the twinning programmes are very encouraging.

"My primary duties is to ensure that the college's quality of its programmes is at par with that of WMU," he said.

The courses, syllabus and other materials used for the programme at Sunway are the same as those used at WMU.

Since the twinning programmes were introduced at Sunway College in 1987, over 2,000 students have successfully transferred to the university to pursue a US degree.

Currently, there are 360 students attending various American twinning programmes at Sunway College.

Students at Sunway study in a 'global' atmosphere, as there are 800 international students from 46 countries attending the college.

The students come from many parts of the world, including Brunei, the Maldives, Oman, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey, Canada, Korea, Kyrgyzstan and Iraq.

The next intake for the American twinning programmes is in January.

The entry qualification is Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia or its equivalent. Sunway College also considers advanced entry for students who possess A-level, Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia or their equivalent.

Sunway College will be holding an 'Open Day' on December 12 from 9am to 6pm to give prospective students and their parents the opportunity to get to know the college.

For more information on Sunway College/WMU twinning programmes and other courses, call (03) 735 8622 or fax (03) 735-8633 or visit www.sunwayk.edu.my.