Some Factors Affecting the Distance Education

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Definition of Distance Education (DE)

1) Distance education, or distance learning, is a field of education that focuses on the pedagogy, technology, and instructional systems design that aim to deliver education to students who are not physically "on site".
2) DE elements

- Student: the core of DE
- Community: private / public organisation for-profit / non-profit
- Communication: radio, television, Internet, etc.
- Content: diverse courses
3) Five generations of DE

- Correspondence
- Broadcast radio / television
- Open universities using combined approaches
- Interactive teleconferencing
- The current generation of online-based classes
Factors Promoting the DE

- Economic trend
  -- Lifelong learning is becoming a competitive necessity
  -- Higher education, more chances of job
  -- Changing career demands the retraining
● Academic Trend

-- Knowledge and information are growing exponentially and the need of knowledge proliferation is more eager than ever

-- Universities cater diverse courses to match learners’ specific needs
Technology Trend

-- Technological devices are becoming more versatile and ubiquitous

-- Technology is being used more competently by more people from all nationalities, age groups, and socioeconomic levels
Factors restricting the distance education

1) The funds

- For institutions: continuing costs of installing, maintaining, using, and upgrading technology to support distance services
- For students: computer, associated software and charges to the Internet service provider
2) The system of evaluation

- Distance education has difficulty in controlling cheating because of the lack of teacher control
- With the development of technology, the system of evaluation will be improved
Conclusion

Trends of Distance Education

- More courses, degrees, and universities are becoming available through distance-education programs
- Internet is becoming dominant among other distance-education medias
Welcome to DE
References

Thank you! and Questions?