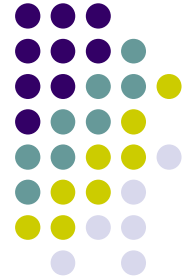# Some Factors Affecting the Distance Education

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Plan

- Definition of Distance Education
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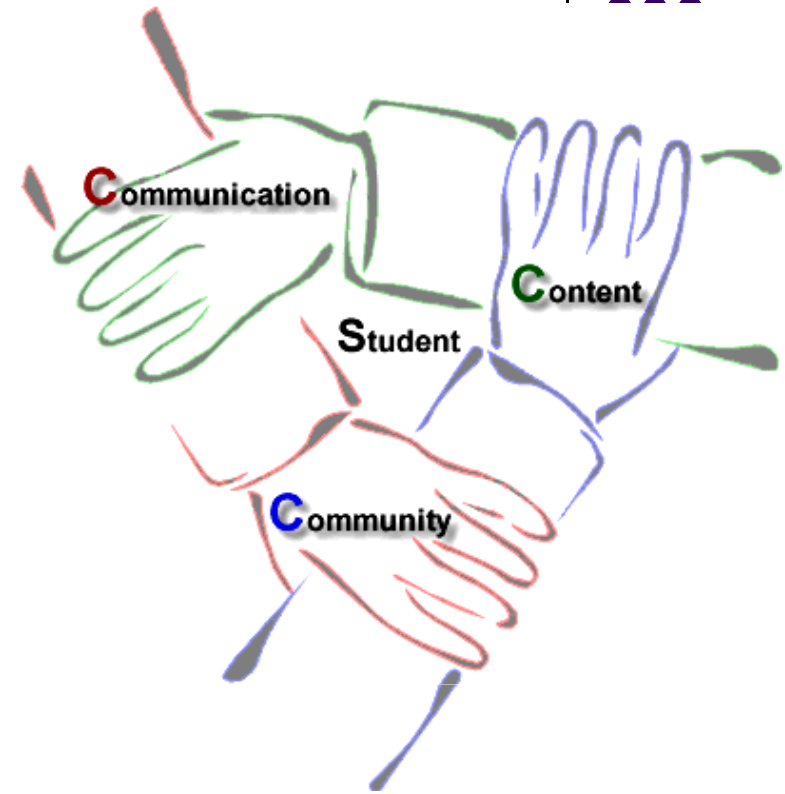- Conclusion

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
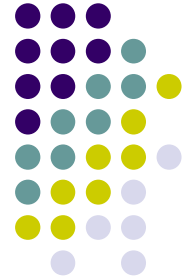- The current generation of online-based classes

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

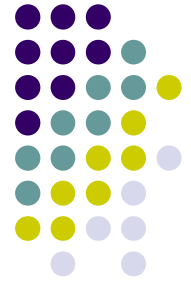   -- Universities cater diverse courses to match learners' specific needs

● **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

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