OpenUniversity and Distance Education

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In this article, the history of distance education is surveyed after defining key words like distance education, correspondence education, and open universities. Distance education has undergone 4 phases, including correspondence education, education through radio, education through television and finally education through computer or e-learning. In another section of this article, the history of distance education in Iran is surveyed. Followed by a description of different types of distance education institutes, some institutes have based their teaching methodologies upon distance education and utilization of its facilities.

In some other institutes, distance education is only a complement to traditional education.

And finally different global strategies for international development of distance education are discussed.

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