

**DISTANCE EDUCATION**  
**ДИСТАНЦИОННОЕ ОБУЧЕНИЕ**

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"Distance education - is more than reading, more than listening or watching, more than a pre-prepared training materials, more than technology, more than a self-study, more than training, more than an open learning ... " ( Bernd Schachtsiek, President of AECS)

My work is about Distance Education. I have chosen this topic because, in my view, distance learning plays an important role in the modernization of higher education and claimed the right to be considered "a special form of learning".

Well, what is distance education? First, it's learning at a distance. In other words, it's a form of studying with using the Internet. Today this form of education is developing especially actively, allowing the study away from the educational institution. Very often distance learning is also called "open" that very accurately emphasizes its meaning. Distance education is one of the most popular destinations around the world. Using the Internet absolutely anyone can get knowledge anywhere in the world.

As specialists predict, in the next five years two thirds of students in developed countries will study in a distance form. Fast developing world requires of us, students, more relevant and many-sided knowledge. And we are interested in getting them cheaply, quickly and efficiently. That is why the future of higher education is distant learning. In conclusion I want to add that, in my opinion, there is no matter in what way you learn, the main factor remains motivation of a student. Perhaps those who choose distance learning have much higher motivation than all the others: such students know exactly why they've come to university. They have consciously chosen this form of education because it gives them an opportunity to work and study at the same time and raise their professional level.