The Centre for Online and Distance Education (CODE) at Simon Fraser University was established in 1975. It has grown to be one of the largest distance education programs in Canada, with course offerings spanning 30 academic areas. In an academic year CODE serves approximately 15,000 course enrolments with over 270 course offerings over 3 terms.

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CODE is proud to be a part of a dual-mode academic institution that has always been committed to providing learning opportunities for those who—by choice or by circumstance—are looking for alternate ways to fulfill their academic and professional development goals. We continually strive to prepare students for success in the 21st century, a time when lifelong learning is essential and coping with constant change is a necessity.

CODE Staff
CODE has some 30 full-time professional, technical, and support staff members. Our staff demonstrate expertise in strategic planning, instructional design, media production, technological systems, evaluation and assessment of learning, and customer service support. Organized into teams with different, but complementary functions, (e.g., student services, course production, course materials, and information technology), CODE staff work in partnership with SFU’s academic units and faculty to plan, develop, and deliver our online and distance courses. CODE provides ongoing support to students, tutor-markers, course authors, and course supervisors to ensure the highest quality of distance and online learning educational products and services possible.

Our Courses
We have approximately 150 credit courses available through distance education and several others currently under development. We have begun to develop graduate courses at the request of academic departments and Criminology now offers an online Master’s in Applied Legal Studies. Other CODE-developed online graduate courses are offered in Education and Kinesiology.

Our Programs
Our courses form part of a number of academic programs such as degrees, certificates, and post-baccalaureate diplomas in various fields, including the areas of Criminology, Education, Kinesiology, Gerontology, and Sustainable Community Development, among others. Many of these SFU program areas are unique academic offerings in British Columbia.

Technology and Innovation
CODE is committed to ongoing exploration of new online technologies to improve course delivery and support learning that is accessible to all. We continue to monitor and refine our eLearning course design and delivery. Since 1997, we have explored and implemented teaching and learning technologies. We are committed to continuous assessment and implementation as new technologies emerge.

In addition to the programs available to our full- and part-time SFU students, CODE has developed partnerships with provincial, national, and international organizations. Our international partners include higher education institutions in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Ghana, and Sri Lanka. The focus of projects to date has been institutional capacity building for the provision of distance education. CODE staff have also provided collaborative consulting services in program evaluation, needs assessment, instructional design and material development, and educational technology. CODE has an operating philosophy of participatory development leading to long-term, mutually beneficial partnerships.

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