

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
ACADEMIC UPGRADING DEPARTMENTPHYSICS 0120
COURSE OUTLINE

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COURSE GOALS: This course is designed to give the student an understanding of some basic concepts and principles of physical science involving heat, gases, and waves (water, sound, and light). The student will develop problem-solving skills and gain an appreciation of the role of physics in modern society.

FORMAT: This course will be mainly lectures. There will also be a lab and a problem-solving component to PC 0120.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Regular attendance is expected. Students that miss more than SIX hours of classes maybe barred from the final exam. A doctor's certificate will be required verifying an accident or illness before makeup labs or tests will be considered.

EVALUATION: Your final mark will be based on:

4 assignments	20%
4 labs	20%
1 midterm	15%
1 test	5%
1 final	<u>40%</u>
TOTAL	100%

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2. Gases

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iv)	Speed of Light	
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Supplementary Texts:

1. Elements of Physics.
2. Physics: Principles and Problems.