

Grande Prairie Regional College

Department of Science

PC1240 A2 INTRODUCTORY GENERAL PHYSICS I 3.0 (3-0-3) UT(3)

Lectures	M W	10:00 - 11:20 p.m.	J226
Laboratory	W or R	2:30 - 5:20 p.m.	J103

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TEXT: Physics: James Walker, 3rd Edition (Pearson)

COURSE CONTENT:

An algebra-based course for students in life, environmental, and medical sciences. It guides the student through two distinct types of motion: motion of matter (particles) and wave motion. Vectors, forces, bodies in equilibrium, elasticity and fracture; review of kinematics and basic dynamics; conservation of momentum and energy; circular motion; vibrations; waves in matter; wave optics; sound; black body radiation, photons, de Broglie waves; models of the atom. Examples relevant in environmental, life and medical sciences will be emphasized.

PRE-REQUISITE: Physics 20 or equivalent, Pure Mathematics 30. Physics 30 is strongly recommended.

Credit may normally be obtained for only one of PC1010, PC1020, PC1080, PC1240, PC1440, or PC1310.

MARK DISTRIBUTION:	Assignments	15%
	Laboratories	20%
	Mid-Term Examination	20% (Oct. 22/08 evening)
	Final Examination	45% (TBA)

LABORATORY COMPONENT

Lab #	Source Content	Week of
1	Exp. #1 Graphical Analysis	Sept. 8
2	Handout Vector Addition	Sept 15
3	Exp #3 Non-Uniform Motion	Sept. 22
4	Exp. #2 Acceleration Due to Gravity	Oct . 29
5	Exp. #4 Atwood’s Pulley	Oct. 6
6	Exp. #5 Potential and Kinetic Energy	Oct. 13
7	Exp. #6 Collision of Ball	Oct. 27
8	Exp. #7 Standing Waves on a String	Nov. 3
9	Exp. #8 Speed of Sound in Air	Nov. 10
10	Exp. #9 Interference of Light	Nov. 17

GRADING GUIDELINES

Descriptor	Grade
Excellent	A+
	A
	A-
Good	B+
	B
	B-
Satisfactory	C+
	C
	C-
Poor Minimal Pass Fail	D+
	D
	F



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