

SAULT COLLEGE
of Applied Arts and Technology
Sault Ste. Marie

COURSE OUTLINE

METEOROLOGY

AVT 100-69

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TEXTS:

Weather Ways - Cat. #T56-464 - Information Canada

From the Ground Up - Sandy A. F. MacDonald - Aviation Publishers Co. Ltd.

Weather - Forecasting and Observing Guide Handout - DND - CPP 295

Aeronautical Information Publication (A.I.P.) - Canada

STUDY AND REFERENCE GUIDES

Study Questions for Private Pilots - Transport Canada, 2nd Edition, 1977

Examination Guide for Private Pilots - Revised 79-80 Edition Continental Aerographics Inc.

Sample Examination for Private Pilot Licence - Transport Canada - 5th Edition, May 1974

Weather-Forecasting and Observing Guide - DND - CFP 295

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GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this course is to provide aviation students with a basic knowledge of the science of weather (meteorology) to enable them to make intelligent use of the weather information provided by the meteorological service in planning and conducting aircraft operations.

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TOPIC	PERIODS	TOPIC DESCRIPTION	REFERENCES
1,2,3	1	Met Organization & Services Atmosphere Clouds	A.I.P. Canada - Met Wx-FCST and Observing Guide-DND CFP 295 Weather Ways-CH II & III From the Ground Up-P60-61
4	1	Pressure	Weather Ways - CH IV From the Ground Up-P63-64
5	1	Wind	Weather Ways - CH V From the Ground Up - P64-65
Test	1	Progress test on material covered.	
6	1	Moisture and Temperature	Weather Ways - CH VI From the Ground Up - P66-67
7,8	1	Stability and Instability Air Masses	Weather Ways - CH VII, VIII From the Ground Up - P66-69
9	1	Fronts	Weather Ways - CH IX
10,11,12	1	The Cold Front The Warm Front Trowals and Upper Fronts	Weather Ways - CH X, XI, XI
Test	1	Mid Term Exam	
13,14	1	Clouds, Precipitaiton, Fog Visibility	Weather Ways - CH XIII, XIV
15	1	Ice Accretion	Weather Ways - CH XV
16	1	Thunderstorms	Weather Ways - CH XVI
17,18,19	1	Turbulence Precipitation Static Mountain Waves	Weather Ways - CH XVII XVIII XIX
Test	1	Progress test on material covered	
20	1	Weather Maps	A.I.P. Canada - Met Weather - Forecasting and Observing Guide - CH 3 (Handout)

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21,22	1	Aviation Weather Reports Terminal Forecasts	A.I.P. Canada - Met Weather-Forecasting and Observing Guide - CH 4 (Handout)
23,24	1	Area Forecasts Upper Wind Forecasts	A.I.P. Canada - Met Weather-Forecasting and Observing Guide - CH 4 (Handout)
Review	2	Review major points of all material covered.	Weather Ways From the Ground Up Weather-Forecasting and Observer's Guide A.I.P. Canada - Met
Test	1	Final Exam	

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1 Meteorological Organization and Services in Canada

The student is expected to know:

- (a) the organization of the meteorological service
- (b) the services provided to aviators

2 Atmosphere

The student is required to know:

- (a) the composition of the atmosphere
- (b) the properties of the atmosphere
- (c) divisions and characteristics of the atmosphere
- (d) ICAO standard atmosphere

3 Clouds

The student is required to know:

- (a) the classification and description of clouds

4 Pressure

The student is required to know:

- (a) the nature of atmospheric pressure
- (b) the units in which it is expressed
- (c) the vertical and horizontal variations under different conditions
- (d) how altimeters are set
- (e) how wind and weather are related to pressure distribution as displayed on a weather map

5 Wind

The student is required to know:

- (a) the forces which cause and influence air motion both at the surface and in the upper levels of the atmosphere

6 Moisture and Temperature

The student is required to know:

- (a) the scales used to express temperature
- (b) how the moisture content of the air affects weather
- (c) how the atmosphere is heated
- (d) how the atmosphere is cooled

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Stability and Instability (Vertical Motion)

The student is required to know:

- (a) the meaning and significance of the term "stability"
- (b) the relationship between lapse rate and stability
- (c) modification of stability
- (d) characteristics of weather in stable and unstable air
- (e) agencies which give rise to vertical motion

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Air Masses

The student is required to know:

- (a) the meaning of the term "Air Mass"
- (b) the formation and classification of Air Masses
- (c) factors determining the weather in an air mass
- (d) modification of air masses
- (e) air mass weather in Canada

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Fronts

The student is required to know:

- (a) the symbols for fronts on weather charts
- (b) the structure of fronts
- (c) types of fronts
- (d) Norwegian Theory of Cyclones (Stages 1-VI)

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The Cold Front

The student is required to know:

- (a) the structure of a cold front
- (b) surface weather changes
- (c) flight problems associated with the cold front

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The Warm Front

The student is required to know:

- (a) the structure of the warm-front
- (b) surface weather changes
- (c) flight problems associated with the warm front

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Trowals and Upper Fronts

The student is required to know:

- (a) weather associated with trowals and upper fronts

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Clouds, Precipitation and Fog

The student is required to know:

- (a) physical processes of cloud formation
- (b) physical process of precipitation formation.
- (c) physical process of fog formation

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Visibility

The student is required to know:

- (a) the meaning of the term "visibility"
- (b) restrictions to visibility

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Ice Accretion

The student is required to know:

- (a) the effects of ice on aircraft performance
- (b) how ice forms
- (c) types of icing
- (d) icing protection techniques

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Thunderstorms

The student is required to know:

- (a) the main features of thunderstorms
- (b) effects on flight operations

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Turbulence

The student is required to know:

- (a) the causes of turbulence

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Precipitation Static

The student is required to know:

- (a) weather conditions which favour precipitation static

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Mountain Waves

The student is required to know:

- (a) the features of mountain waves
- (b) effects on flight operations

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Weather Maps

The student is required to know:

- (a) how to identify and interpret the significant features of surface and upper level weather charts

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Aviation Weather Reports (SA)

The student is required to know:

- (a) how to decode and interpret all information provided on hourly reports

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Terminal Forecasts (FT)

The student is required to know:

- (a) how to decode and interpret all information provided in terminal forecasts

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Area Forecasts (FA)

The student is required to know:

- (a) how to decode and interpret all information provided in area forecasts

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Upper Wind Forecasts (FD)

The student is required to know:

- (a) how to decode upper wind forecasts
- (b) how to interpolate forecast winds to apply to flight operations