

**ARKY 327.01: Frauds, Myths, and Mysteries**  
**Monday, Wednesday and Friday 3:00-3:50 PM**

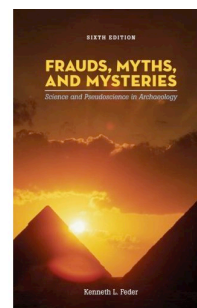
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Were the Pyramids of Giza built by aliens? Did the Maya predict an apocalypse in 2012? Did the Lost Continent of Atlantis exist? Were the Nazca lines landings signs for extraterrestrial astronauts? In Frauds, Myths and Mysteries we examine popular and fantastic interpretations of archaeological remains presented in the press and popular media. We analyze the logical flaws in pseudoscientific explanations and hone critical thinking skills. Find out what archaeology really is!

**Required Texts:**

- **Frauds, Myths, and Mysteries: Science and Pseudoscience in Archaeology, 6th edition**, by Kenneth L. Feder, McGraw-Hill Higher Education publishers, 2008.
- Class reader available through the bookstore



**Course Grading:**

- Three midterm quizzes worth 30% each.
- One quiz on the final day of class worth 10%.

**Description of Exams:**

- All quizzes consist of multiple choice questions.
- The quizzes are NOT cumulative.
- There is no final.
- **I DO NOT GIVE MAKE-UP EXAMS without a written medical excuse.**

**Grading Scale:**

There is no uniform grading scale at the University of Calgary. Each class uses a different scale depending on the difficulty of the material presented and the requirements of the course. Please examine this grading scale carefully. No changes will be made to this scale.

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| A+ > / = 100-97 | B+ 88-85 | C+ 76-73 | D+ 64-61 |
| A 96-93         | B 84-81  | C 72-69  | D 60-57  |
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