ANTH 175: Polynesian Surf Culture

Provides students with an understanding of surf culture in the Pacific Basin. Environmental and cultural factors are assessed in relation to surfing’s development in Polynesia, integration into Hawaiian culture, decline due to Western influence, and revitalization as a modern recreational activity. The modern surfing industry is also assessed through a cultural perspective that analyzes business practices utilized by surfing organizations today.

Credits: 3
Lecture Hours: 3
Co-Requisites: ANTH 175L
Program: Anthropology

Student Learning Outcomes:
- Demonstrate an understanding and basic knowledge of environmental and cultural factors affecting the development of surfing in Polynesia, surfing’s integration into Hawaiian culture, its decline due to Western influence, and its revitalization as a modern recreational activity.
- Coherently address modern social and legal issues relating to surfing.