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  
Program: Anthropology  
Recommended: Concurrent enrollment in ANTH 175L

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Discuss environmental and cultural factors affecting the development of surfing in Polynesia.
- Discuss how surfing has evolved due to western influence and modern popular culture.
- Discuss modern social and legal issues relating to surfing.