

Is It a Scholarly Journal? Is It a Peer Reviewed Article?

WHAT IS A SCHOLARLY JOURNAL?

- Scholarly or academic journals publish original research articles written by scholars and researchers.

WHAT IS A PEER REVIEWED ARTICLE?

- Some articles go through a process called “peer review” before being published. Scholars in the field evaluate the manuscript for originality, veracity & plausibility and recommend, or not, that the research be published.

WHAT IS NON-SCHOLARLY?

- Non-Scholarly material includes news and entertainment stories usually written by journalists.

THE GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF A SCHOLARLY JOURNAL ARTICLE ARE:

- The authors are usually affiliated with a research institute or university.
- Research articles are often divided into sections such as “Introduction”, “Methods”, “Literature Review”, and “Conclusion”.
- The article may start with an **ABSTRACT** or summary.
- The article will have a **BIBLIOGRAPHY** or list of **REFERENCES** at the end.
- Other articles/books will be cited in the text. The full citation information for each will be in **FOOTNOTES** or the reference list.
- The **TONE** of the article is restrained and serious. The topic will be focused and explored in depth.
- The article was found in an electronic **DATABASE** such as Academic Search Complete (EBSCOhost) or PsycINFO.

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Limiting a Database Search to Peer Reviewed Articles:

The image displays two side-by-side screenshots of a database search interface, illustrating how to filter results to peer-reviewed articles. Blue arrows point to the specific options being selected in each screenshot.

Left Screenshot:

- Limit your results:**
 - Full Text
 - Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals
- Limit to:**
 - Full text
 - Peer reviewed
- Date range:** All dates

Right Screenshot:

- Limit your results:**
 - Linked Full Text
 - Published Date from: Month [dropdown] Year: [input] to Month [dropdown] Year: [input]
 - Peer Reviewed
- Limit To:**
 - Full Text
 - Page Image (PDF)
 - Peer Reviewed
 - Non-Peer Reviewed
- Expand:**
 - Also, search within the full text of the articles, for extra results

Some databases contain a mix of scholarly/peer reviewed as well as non-scholarly articles. Some databases let you limit the results of your search to just peer reviewed articles - look out for **LIMIT YOUR RESULTS** on the database search screen. When you find and check the option for Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals or just for Peer Reviewed, your search will be limited to that material alone.