What is a Peer Reviewed Journal?

• A **peer reviewed** journal may also be called a **refereed** or **juried** journal

• A peer reviewed journal requires that, prior to publication, submitted articles be approved by a board of reviewers and/or peers in the subject area in order to evaluate the quality, validity and reliability of the article

• This review process is often done ‘blindly’, meaning the reviewers do not know the names or academic affiliations of the authors, and the authors do not know who is reviewing their work
How to See if a Journal is Peer Reviewed

One way to verify whether a journal is peer reviewed or not, is by looking it up in the electronic database called, *Ulrich’s Global Serials Directory*
Logging into Ulrich’s Global Serials Directory

Step #1 – Go to the Halle Library’s Home page: http://www.emich.edu/library

Step #2 – Click on the Databases tab

Step #3 – Click on the letter U from the alphabetic list
Logging into *Ulrich’s Global Serials Directory*

**Step #4** – Click on the link for *Ulrich’s Global Serials Directory*

**Step #5** – If you are logging in from off-campus, you will be prompted to input your my.emich username & password
Verifying Peer Review Status

Step #6 – Type in the name of the journal into the search box, and click the green search button that looks like a magnifying glass.
Verifying Peer Review Status
Method #1

This is the easiest method to use.

Locate the journal from the titles retrieved.

If a small black referee shirt is located to the left of journal title, the journal is peer reviewed (refereed).

If a referee shirt is not present, the journal is not peer reviewed (refereed).
Verifying Peer Review Status
Method #2

Click on the journal title that matches the one from your citation.
In this case, the titles highlighted by the bracket are all the same journal, just different formats, e.g. online, microform, print, so any one can be selected.
Look for a line on the Basic Description titled *Refereed*. If this line is present, the journal is a peer reviewed journal.

If the word *Refereed* is not there, the journal is not peer reviewed.
Non-Peer Reviewed Journal Example

There is not a line on the Basic Description titled *Refereed*, so this journal is *not* peer reviewed.