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: https://www.emich.edu/library

**Step #2** – Click on the Databases block

**Step #3** – Click on the letter **U** from the alphabetic list
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**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 journal name (not article title) into the search box, and click the search button that looks like a magnifying glass.
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**Step #7** - Locate the journal name 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If a referee shirt is not present, the journal is not peer reviewed (refereed).
In the case of this journal, the titles highlighted by the bracket are all the same journal, just different formats, e.g. online, microform, print. If the journal title is peer reviewed in any format, it is a peer reviewed journal.