Peer-reviewed journals

What is peer-review?
An article submitted to a peer-reviewed journal undergoes a review process by subject experts to make sure it is of sufficient quality.

Why can’t I just use any article?
Anyone can have an article published – there are many journals which are happy to take your money to publish your work. The peer-review process allows researchers to distinguish quality articles from the others.

What’s a refereed or scholarly article?
Some people use the terms peer-reviewed, refereed and scholarly interchangeably. Others say peer-reviewed and refereed are the same thing, but scholarly means at an academic level, but not necessarily reviewed by peers. If you have a choice, always seek peer-reviewed articles.

How do I find peer-reviewed articles?
In ‘Search’ (the UNE Library’s discovery tool), search for a topic, then click on Peer-reviewed Journals.

Most of our Databases also have a way to limit your search to peer-reviewed journals.

Is this journal peer-reviewed?
Search for the journal in Ulrichsweb. You can find Ulrichsweb in the A-Z list of Databases on the UNE Library’s webpage. You can use a journal’s unique ISSN to be sure you have found the right journal in Ulrichsweb.

Once you’ve found a match, look for the referee’s jersey symbol to confirm the journal is peer-reviewed (refereed).