Peer review

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 shouldn’t I use just any article?
There are journals which will publish any article (good or bad) for a price and they conduct little or no peer-review. A rigorous peer-review process is conducted by reputable journal publishers. Base your research on the best information available.

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 Library Search, search for a topic, then click on the Peer-reviewed Journals facet. Most of our Databases also have a way to limit your search to peer-reviewed journals.

Can I be sure it’s peer reviewed?
Search for the journal in Ulrichsweb (one of the UNE Library’s databases). You can use a journal’s unique ISSN to be sure you have found the right journal. Once you’ve found a match, look for the black and white referee’s jersey symbol to confirm the journal is peer-reviewed (refereed).