

## Finding Scholarly Articles

For discussion of how “scholarly” is defined see the library guide [Evaluating Periodical Literature: Is This Journal \(or Article\) Scholarly?](#) Realize that not all articles from “Peer Reviewed” or “Refereed” journals can be considered scholarly.

The most common method of finding journal articles relevant to your research is to search the online databases provided by the library and accessed from the library home page at: <http://libr.stedwards.edu>

These proprietary databases are accessible to SEU students from off-campus, through an authentication system requiring your student user name and password.

Currently there are over 75 online databases listed on the library web site. These include various types of resources:

- Online reference sources -- Ex. *Contemporary Authors, Texas Almanac*
- Highly specific information sources -- Ex. *ValueLine Investment Survey, Union List of Periodicals*
- Periodical Indexes, general & specific -- Ex. *Academic Search Premier, Business Source Complete*

The **option of limiting your search to “peer reviewed” or “refereed” sources** is available in several of the library’s periodical indexes: (see following page)

- **Academic Search Premier** and **Academic OneFile** are large multidisciplinary databases which index popular, professional and scholarly periodicals and contain many full text articles.
- **Business Source Complete, Communication & Mass Media** and **Legal Trac** are subject specific databases which index popular, professional and scholarly periodicals some linked full text articles.
- **PsycInfo, JSTOR and Project Muse** are databases which index **only** scholarly articles.

When an article is **not full text** in the online database you are searching the library has access to the article through one of these options:

- another online database
- print/microform collections in house
- Interlibrary Loan, if not obtainable through Scarborough Phillips Library's collection. **Utilizing ILL is very easy and electronic delivery of articles has improved turnaround time but it will take 3-5 business days so plan accordingly. To request an article go to: <http://illiad.stedwards.edu/>**

To determine if the library has the text of your article available in print/microfilm or full text in another database, search for the journal title in the library’s periodicals list -- link from library home page labeled “[Periodicals](#)” . If the title is not in this list or your article does not fall into the date range(s) listed, order through ILL. (EbscoHost and Thomson-Gale databases have a link “[Check for Full Text](#)” which will perform the journal title search for you)

If you have an article or citation, but are unsure if the journal is considered scholarly, use [Ulrich's Periodical Directory](#). This database can be accessed from the Online Databases Alphabetical List. Search for journal title then in the record for the journal in question look for “Document Type.” This should specify Academic/Scholarly, Consumer, Trade, etc.

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