

Northeast Lakeview College LRC

Research Practice – PSYC 2301

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Scholarly, academic journals are vitally important for original research in disciplines such as Psychology, Biology, History, etc. Journals are very different from magazines and newspapers. In addition, some journals are peer-reviewed, meaning they are reviewed by other researchers before they are published.

A. Scholarly (S), Popular (P) or Peer-reviewed (R)

	Author is usually a staff writer or journalist. Credentials may not be given.
	A bibliography citing the books and articles used for the article is always accompanies the article
	Article is written using language that can be understood by anyone
	Article is reviewed by other researchers in the field before it is published.
	Author usually an expert or specialist in the field, name and credentials always provided.

B. Write down the topic you are interested in: _____

(1) Search the *PsychInfo* Thesaurus for your topic, using the “Relevancy Ranked” option.

- Write down subject that the databases uses: _____
- Click on the subject and write down the year it was introduced _____

(2) Go to Advanced search and find either an empirical study or correlational study

- Enter the subject you found above in the search box and drop down the field list and select **SU Subject**.
- Limit Publication Year to 2000 and later
- Limit to Peer-Reviewed Journal
- Limit to Methodology: **Empirical study OR** Type **correl*** in the second search box and select abstract as the field you want to search in.
- Click on Search. Once you get results look at the left column to narrow your topic even more and look at the right column and select Full-text [Update results]

(3) Find at least one article that fits all your professor's criteria and email it to yourself.

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