HOW DO I FIND
PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES?
What is peer review?

Peer review is a process in which an article submitted to a journal for publication is reviewed and critiqued by other subject matter experts.

These experts determine if the article is worthy of publication. «
You can find peer-reviewed articles from the library website at library.northeastern.edu

The first way to locate peer-reviewed articles is through Scholar OneSearch on the library homepage.
Just type a few keywords related to your topic into Scholar OneSearch.

Then, click the red search button.
To the left of your search results, look for the peer-reviewed journals link.

Clicking on this link will limit your results to peer-reviewed journals.
When you look through your results, make sure the article you pick is several pages long so that it’s in-depth enough for your research needs.
You can also find peer-reviewed articles in library databases.

Click the Databases A-Z button to get started.
Library databases

Select the appropriate subject from the drop down menu.

A to Z Index

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Article Databases

Click on the drop down menu under Type and select Article Databases.
Library databases

Not all databases include scholarly articles; some only include magazines or newspaper articles.

If you’re not sure which types of sources are available in a database, click on the red plus sign for a deeper description.

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Access: Current NU Only
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In the database, once you’ve entered your keywords look for a button that says “peer reviewed,” “scholarly journals,” “academic journals,” or even just “journals.”

This option may look different in different databases.

With that option checked your search should only be showing you results that have been published in academic journals.
Editorials

However, keep in mind that not everything published in a peer-reviewed journal is a peer-reviewed article.

Book reviews

Academic journals publish editorials, book reviews, commentaries and other short pieces.

Commentaries
If you are unsure, do one last visual check.

The full-text of articles will often include labels or cues that identify the text type. «

Current medical research funding and frameworks are insufficient to address the health risks of global environmental change

Also, check the page length—if an article is a few pages or less, it is most likely not a peer-reviewed article.
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