

What is a Scholarly Journal?

Most instructors at the college level demand that all or most of the periodicals your use in writing research papers come from scholarly journals. This is especially true for upper-division courses and essential in graduate work.

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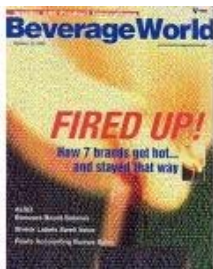
- ❑ Scholarly journals always cite their sources in the form of bibliographies or footnotes/endnotes.
- ❑ Articles are written by a scholar in the field or by someone who has done research in the field. The author's name appears at the beginning or the end of the article, sometimes with brief biographical or contact information.
- ❑ Scholarly journals often have a sober, serious appearance. They often contain graphs and charts, but few glossy pages or images.
- ❑ The language of a scholarly journal is that of the discipline covered. It assumes the reader has some background in the field.
- ❑ The main purpose of a scholarly journal is to report on original research or experimentation for the benefit of the rest of the scholarly world.
- ❑ Many scholarly journals, though not all, are published by specific professional associations.

What are some examples of Scholarly Journals?

- ❑ *Journal of Educational Research*
- ❑ *JAMA: The Journal of the American Medical Association*
- ❑ *Psychological Bulletin*
- ❑ *Journal of Social Work Education*

What are NOT Scholarly Journals?

- ❑ News magazines: *Time*, *Newsweek*, *US News and World Report*
- ❑ Opinion Magazines: *New Republic*, *National Review*, *The Nation*
- ❑ Popular Magazines: *Vogue*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Sports Illustrated*
- ❑ Trade Journals: *Beverage World*, *Automotive News*
- ❑ Sensational or Celebrity Publications: *Globe*, *National Enquirer*, *Entertainment Weekly*



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