Writing for Academic Journals

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Do Your Other Research

• Stay current with the latest scholarship.

• Read recent issues of journals you wish to publish in.

• Becoming familiar with both a journal’s submission requirements AND the required format or template your article must follow.
  – The sometimes elaborate format requirements are the “first test” of your professionalism.
  – Don’t give the editor a reason to reject your article before giving it a thorough read.

• Understand that virtually every academic journal requires that you submit your article to only one journal at a time.
Choose Your Venue

Scimago Journal Rank

https://www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php
Leave the Schoolroom Behind

• Professors read journals, but journal readers are not evaluating your course/graduate program performance.

• This means that you can *and should* leave out the “see what I learned, teacher!” sections of your manuscript.

• Focus on your findings, their applicability, the methods that got you there, and how this all fits into the broader research conversation.
Wendy Belcher’s workbook, *Writing Your Journal Article in Twelve Weeks*, is a proven tool to guide you as you revise a course paper, conference paper, or thesis chapter for publication.

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