**Journals or Magazines: What is the Difference?**

For most research papers your instructor will require you to find journal articles. This guide will help you determine if you are finding appropriate academic articles. You will also learn:

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<td>Both periodicals will have articles on sports injuries. Use magazines to get basic information on a topic and journals when you need expert information on the topic.</td>
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### What is a journal?
- ✓ Written by experts in the field
- ✓ Written for scholars (Specific audience).
- ✓ Language used can get quite technical
- ✓ Articles in journals report on original research.
- ✓ Before an article is published it is reviewed by a panel of experts. This review process is known as peer review or juried review. Articles that go through this process are "refereed".
- ✓ Journal articles will always have a detailed bibliography at the end of the article.
- ✓ Articles can be very lengthy
- ✓ Journals are usually published by associations, universities or research institutions.

### What is a magazine?
- ✓ Written by authors who are not experts in the field
- ✓ Written for the general public (General audience).
- ✓ Language used is easy to read.
- ✓ Magazines are usually commercially published, and cover current or popular topics.
- ✓ Very little original research
- ✓ This type of publication can provide a good overview or summary of a topic.
- ✓ Magazine articles can be opinionated or represent a very specific point of view.
- ✓ Articles are usually short (Only a few pages)
- ✓ Does not usually contain a bibliography at the end of the article.