Publication Tips

Step 1
Review the list of journals and identify the ones that are most likely to be interested in your research. Some have a particular topic focus reflected in title (economics, human rights, etc.); others focus on a particular region. Some journals are more general, so for those you need to look at the editor's description of what the journal is looking for and a sample of the contents of recent issues to see if there's anything like your research included.

Step 2
For that shorter list of journals, check the deadlines for manuscript submission; if the deadline is past, you may be eligible for the next issue. If the journal accepts submissions on a rolling basis that means you may submit at any time for the next issue or the one after that. Most undergraduate journals publish only once a year; others have two issues a year.

Step 3
Check the length of the submission accepted: most use a specific word count and your project's word count (without bibliography) should be noted on the title page. Most accepted word counts are below 8,000 or have a specific range; the average is around 5,000.

Step 4
Check the citation format required. Most academic Social Science journals use *Chicago Manual of Style* rather than APA or MLA. You should revise the paper to reflect the proper citation format and use footnotes or endnotes or parenthetic (in-text) citations, as directed in submission instructions before submitting.

Step 5
Choose one journal to submit to. Do not send your manuscript to multiple journals because it can only be published in one journal. If the editor is interested, s/he/they will tell you that that they are sending the manuscript out for review. If they are not interested, they will say so, and you can then submit to a different journal. Once the manuscript is sent out for review, you will typically hear back from the editor within 90 days. Reviewers will send evaluations to the editor. They may recommend: to publish "as is", to publish with minor revisions, to publish with major revisions, or not to publish. If revisions are required, the editor will send you detailed instructions from the reviewers and give you a deadline for sending in the revised manuscript.

Publication Opportunities

Economics
[The Developing Economist](#)
[Undergraduate Economic Review](#)

General
[Journal of Politics and International Affairs](#)
[Journal of Public and International Affairs](#)
[Journal of Undergraduate Research & Scholarly Excellence](#)
[Lethbridge Undergraduate Research Journal](#)
[Pittsburgh Undergraduate Review](#)
[Stanford Undergraduate Research Journal](#)
[Undergraduate Journal of Politics, Policy and Society](#)

Human Rights
[Righting Wrongs: A Journal of Human Rights](#)
[University of Chicago Journal of Human Rights](#)

International Relations
[Al-Noor, The Boston College Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Journal](#)
[Hemispheres](#)
[Issues in Political Economy](#)
[Journal of International Relations Sigma Iota Rho](#)
[Journal of Leadership, Politics, & Society: The Dialectics](#)
[Journal of Undergraduate International Studies](#)
[Penn State Journal of International Affairs](#)
[Security and Intelligence Studies Journal](#)
[Southern California International Review](#)
[Tufts Undergraduate Journal of International Relations: Hemispheres](#)
[Undergraduate Journal of Social Sciences at West Point](#)
[Wittenberg University East Asian Studies Journal](#)
[World Outlook Undergraduate Journal of International Affairs](#)

Political Science
[Journal of Politics & Society: Columbia University](#)
[Student Journal of Politics: Critique](#)