



ERIC Extends Peer-Reviewed Designation to Earlier Records

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ERIC searchers will now find it easier to identify the peer-reviewed status of more materials in ERIC, thanks to the addition of this data for journal articles from 1966 to 2003 (the status is already available on ERIC records from 2004 forward).

ERIC is updating the backfile of article records on a journal by journal basis. Enhanced records are appearing daily on the ERIC Web site at www.eric.ed.gov, and vendors will receive the changes on a monthly basis. It is expected that the updates to more than 680,000 journal records will be completed within the next six months.

Staff librarians consult three sources to determine whether a journal title is peer-reviewed:

- *Ulrichsweb*
- *The Serials Directory*
- Publisher-provided information

ERIC has additionally modified all bibliographic records to display “Yes” or a blank space rather than “Yes”, “No”, or “N/A” in the Peer-Reviewed field of the record. This change to “Yes” or blank is also viewable in ERIC’s Journal List.

For more information, see ERIC’s new policy on the [Peer-Reviewed Designation](#).



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Thesaurus Update Adds New Descriptors

The latest update to the ERIC Thesaurus includes 17 new descriptors as well as a number of updates. The updates includes scope note changes to clarify usage, and adds new synonyms (i.e., non-postable terms) that guide users to the appropriate search term(s).

The following descriptors have been added:

- Ambiguity (Context)
- Ambiguity (Semantics)
- Capacity Building
- Comorbidity
- Computer Games
- Critical Literacy
- English Language Learners

- Information Security
- Knowledge Economy
- Leadership Role
- Mixed Methods Research
- Naming
- Neoliberalism
- School Turnaround
- Semi Structured Interviews
- Structured Interviews
- Web 2.0 Technologies

For more information on current and previous changes to the Thesaurus, go to [Maintaining the ERIC Thesaurus](#), or visit www.eric.ed.gov/thesaurus to browse/search the complete file.



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