



Peer Review Process

Most manuscripts submitted to the JSOU Press undergo a double-blind peer review. The JSOU Press retains a list of subject matter experts who assist with this process.

Process

Manuscripts that have been preliminarily approved by the JSOU Press are sent to at least two subject matter experts who complete a thorough review and provide a publication recommendation.

Peer reviewers consider if the manuscript contains information that expands current knowledge of a field, creates new knowledge, and advances JSOU academic interests and current United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) priorities. Manuscripts that do not contribute novel information and do not relate to Special Operations Forces (SOF) are not considered for publication.

Using a standard JSOU Press Peer Review Form, peer reviewers provide feedback and rate the submission according to its appropriateness, relevancy, argumentation, written quality, and strengths and weaknesses. A summary of this feedback is sent to the author, if necessary.

Recommendations

Along with feedback, peer reviewers provide a publishing recommendation (see below). However, the JSOU Press makes all decisions about whether to move forward with publication.

- **Publish.** Submissions unanimously rated as such move forward without additional work required by the author.
- **Publish after minor modifications.** Peer review feedback is sent to the author, who is asked to address the feedback and edit the manuscript accordingly. The project does not move to the next step in the process until the author has addressed the requested changes. JSOU Press editors are not responsible for making peer review-suggested changes to content.
- **Resubmit after major revisions.** Submissions with significant editorial suggestions, but which have overall merit and value to the field, may be reworked by the author and resubmitted. If resubmitted, the document goes through the peer review process again.
- **Reject.** Submissions that are rejected are not eligible for publication.