Web of Science

Web of Science is a database containing Science Citation Index, Social Science Citation Index, and Arts and Humanities Citation Index. Web of Science may be used to search for an author or for a specific publication to determine how many times the author or work has been cited.

Determining the Number of Times a Publication or Author has been Cited

1) Go to the Library Home Page (http://library.ucf.edu).
2) Click on Articles & Databases.
3) Click on W in the alphabet. Select Web of Science from the alphabetic list.
4) On the bottom portion of the screen, select from Science Citation Index, Social Science Citation Index, or Arts and Humanities Citation Index in the Database and Timespan section.
5) Determine a Timespan on the lower right side of the screen.
6) Then click on Cited Reference Search near the middle of the screen.
7) Type in the author's last name, followed by the first and second initials. Use an asterisk if the second initial is unknown. If searching for a specific publication, type in the Cited Work using the abbreviation of the publication. Click the Search button.
8) Check off the relevant publications from the Cited Reference Index.
9) Click Finish Search at the top of the screen. The resulting list will be the total number of citations to the publications selected.

Fee-based Citation Searches

The UCF Library offers a fee-based service to perform citation searches for faculty. The service is called UCF InfoSource. Information about the service and contact information is available at: http://library.ucf.edu/InfoSource/CitationSearch.asp

For Help:

Web of Science is a database that can be helpful, but can also be confusing to use. Please contact the Ask a Librarian service, or make an appointment with a reference librarian if you need assistance with these or any other databases or library resources.

Ask a Librarian Service: 407-823-2562; 866-271-7589; Mon-Thurs 8am-9pm; Fri 8am-5pm; Sat 1pm-5pm

To make an appointment with a reference librarian, call the Reference Department Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm, at 407-823-5880.
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Disclaimer: Web of Science is the most popular database used for citation searching, but it is not the only one! Depending on your discipline, there may be other options. Check with your subject liaison librarian.

How to Find Out “How many Times a Publication or Author has been Cited”

1) Start at the Libraries Home Page (http://library.ucf.edu).

2) Click on Articles & Databases, then choose W from the alphabet near the top of the page.

   Note, if you're off campus, you will need to enter your 14-digit library ID Number from your UCF Card to proceed (more information).

3) Click on Web of Science in the alphabetic list.

4) Select from the Science Citation Index, Social Science Citation Index, and Arts and Humanities Citation Index in the “database(s) and time span” section on the lower portion of the screen.

Select database(s) and time span:

Citation Databases:
- Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-EXPANDED)—1965-present
- Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI)—1965-present
- Arts & Humanities Citation Index (A&HCI)—1975-present

5) Choose a time span for your search on the right side of the screen.

- Latest [1 week] (updated July 29, 2005)
- Year 2005
- From 1965 to 2005 (default is all years)

To remember these settings, first sign in or register.

6) Then click on Cited Reference Search near the middle of the screen.
Select a search option:

[GENERAL SEARCH] Search by topic, author, journal, or address.
[CITED REFERENCE SEARCH] Search for articles that cite an author or work.
[ADVANCED SEARCH] Search using complex queries including field tags

7) Type in the author's last name, followed by the first and second initials. Use the asterisk if the second initial is unknown.

Find the citations to a person's work by entering the person's name, the work's source, and/or publication year.

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[CITED AUTHOR:] Enter the name of the cited author (see cited author index). Example: O'BRIAN C* OR OBRIAN C*

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8) Check off the relevant publications from the Cited Reference Index.

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