Citation Analysis

Web of Science Citation Databases

Web of Science provides access to the Science Citation Index, Social Sciences Citation Index and Arts & Humanities Citation Index from 1945 to the present.

- Step 1  Go to the Mount Library home page and click on Library Research, Select Database List (A-Z) » and look for Web of Science from the alphabetical list of resources.
- Step 2  Follow the link to the database
- Step 3  Click on the Web of Science tab (instead of the default ‘All Databases’). Click on the ‘Cited Reference Search’ (2nd link from the left, after Search)

Citing Reference Searching in Web of Science

Citing Reference Searching allows you to follow the record of an article or book and see who has cited it in the years after publication.


Step 1  Click on Cited Ref Search on the navigation bar
Step 2  In the Author search box, type in fullan m* (note the initial followed by an asterisk)
Step 3  Click on List of Journal Abbreviations to find the abbreviation for American Sociological Review
Step 4  Click on Edit (Find on this page) on your browser tool bar and type in American Sociological Review
Step 5  Copy and paste the abbreviation listed in to the Cited Work box
Step 6  Type 1970 into the Cited Date(s) box
Step 7  Click Search
Step 8  Mark the Select box next to the list of results that you wish to view and click Finish Search.

Alternatively, click View Record next to the list you wish to examine, then click on Times Cited. Either method will bring up a list of articles that have cited the original.
Citation Searching in Google Scholar

Google Scholar (http://scholar.google.com/) is very useful for finding citations in many disciplines.

Google Scholar should be used in combination with other citation searching tools as there are still many gaps in its coverage, it does not publish a list of academic journals crawled, and the frequency of its updates is unknown.

Under each of its results Google Scholar includes a ‘Cited by’ link. Clicking on this link will open a page listing the articles that have cited the original article.

The method of looking for a journal article to see if how many times it has been cited using Google Scholar is as follows: “article title within double quotes” +author surname e.g.: “Teaching in elementary school: Perceptions of foreign-trained teacher candidates on their teaching practicum” +wang

To search by author alone, you can use the ‘author’ operator e.g.: author:”h wang”

Creating Alerts

You may also set up email alerts so that you can be alerted of new documents citing the original article. Click on the Create Email link at the bottom of the page listing the articles that have cited the original article.

Other Databases That Provide Some Citation Listings

- In several EBSCO databases (e.g. Academic Search Premier, PsycInfo, Education Research Complete, Humanities International Complete, SocIndex, etc.) If you are searching a single database that supports “cited reference” searching, a Cited References link will display at the top of the EBSCOhost screen.

- In many cases the journal providing the online full text of the article will contain information about where the original article has been cited. Look for headings such as ‘Cited by’ or ‘Articles citing this article’ or ‘Referenced by’

For further assistance with citation searching contact the Education liaison librarian: Denyse Rodrigues, 457-6200, denyse.rodrigues@msvu.ca
Increasing Visibility and Citations

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- Increased citations: studies have found that online content receives 36% more citations than paper/print formats

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