Finding Science and Social Science Articles Using Web of Science
Searching by Topic and/or Author

A multidisciplinary database, with searchable author abstracts, covering the journal literature of the sciences, social sciences, and the arts & humanities, Web of Science gives users access to multiple ISI Citation Databases.

From the UCLA Biomedical Library home page, click on Key Resources.
- On the Key Resources page, select “Web of Science: multidisciplinary” under Article Databases.

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To add another search field, click “Add Another Field.” Use the drop down menus to the right of the search boxes to select the search field. For example, you can search by topic or author.

The asterisk (*) truncation is used to search all forms of a word with variable endings. For example, “territor*” will search the database for: “territory,” “territories,” “territorial,” etc.

Type the author’s last name and first initial in the search box in order to search the database for an author’s name.

Setting Limits

You may search the database for all available years or for a range of years.

Under the “More Settings” menu, you may limit your search to specific collections within Web of Science.

Once you have your terms, and set your limits, click “Search” to run your query.
Expanding Research Results

From the Record View of any article, you can use the gray side bar to expand your search.

By clicking “Times Cited” you can view a list of other articles that have cited this article.

By clicking “Cited References,” you can view records for references used in this article.

By clicking “View Related Records,” you will see a list of articles that are similar in topic to the original article.

Saving Search Results to a List for Print, E-mailing, and Downloading

1. From the Search Results List, select citations by clicking the checkboxes.
2. Click the “Add to Marked List” box to save desired articles.
3. To access your saved citations, click the “Marked List” tab near the upper right-hand corner of the page.
4. From the “Marked List,” you will be able to print, email, or send selected records’ citations to your favorite citation management software.

Getting the Full Text

Click on the UC-eLinks. The UC-eLinks menu allows you to see if the UCLA Library subscribes to this material in either print or online form.

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