

【2nd Section】

How to search and access articles at the University of Osaka Libraries

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Hello everyone. Thank you for going through this learning material.

This lecture series consists of two sections.

In the second section, we will talk about how to search for and access articles at the University of Osaka Libraries (hereafter referred to as “UOsaka Libraries”).

Let's get started!

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How to search and access articles at the University of
Osaka Libraries

This is the today's contents of the second section.

First, how to search for journal articles using the University of Osaka (hereafter referred to as "UOsaka")'s tools.

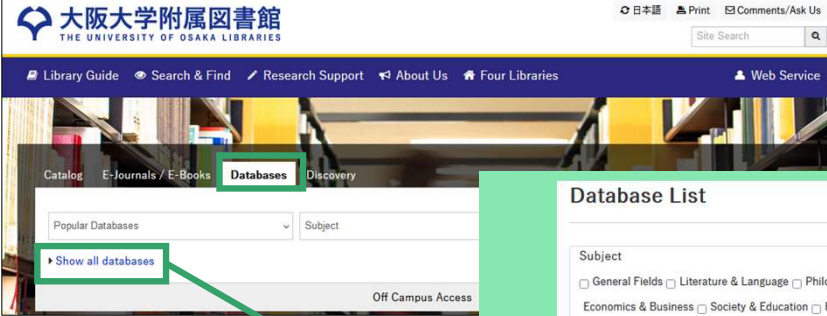
Second, how to access the articles after searching.

How to search for journal articles

How to search and access articles at the University of Osaka Libraries

When searching for academic articles, using databases is the best way.
You can access various databases at UOsaka.

How to access database



The University of Osaka Libraries Website
<https://www.library.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/>

Database List

Subject

- ☐ General Fields ☐ Literature & Language ☐ Philosophy & Psychology ☐ History & Geography ☐ Art ☐ Law & Politics ☐
- ☐ Economics & Business ☐ Society & Education ☐ Folklore & Anthropology ☐ Mathematics & Physics & Information Science ☐
- ☐ Chemistry ☐ Biology ☐ Medicine & Nursing ☐ Others

Source type

- ☐ Journal Articles ☐ Books ☐ Encyclopedias & Dictionaries ☐ Newspaper Articles ☐ Laws & Precedents ☐
- ☐ Parliamentary Publications ☐ Business Information ☐ Patents ☐ Fact Data ☐ Indicators ☐ Others

You can refine database list by subject and/or source type.

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Let me show you how to access the databases.

First, please visit the UOsaka Libraries website and click on the “Databases” tab.

Then, click on “Show all databases”; you will see a list of databases available at UOsaka.

On this page, you can refine the database list by subject and source type.

For example, if you want to search for articles about chemistry, select “Chemistry” in the Subject box.

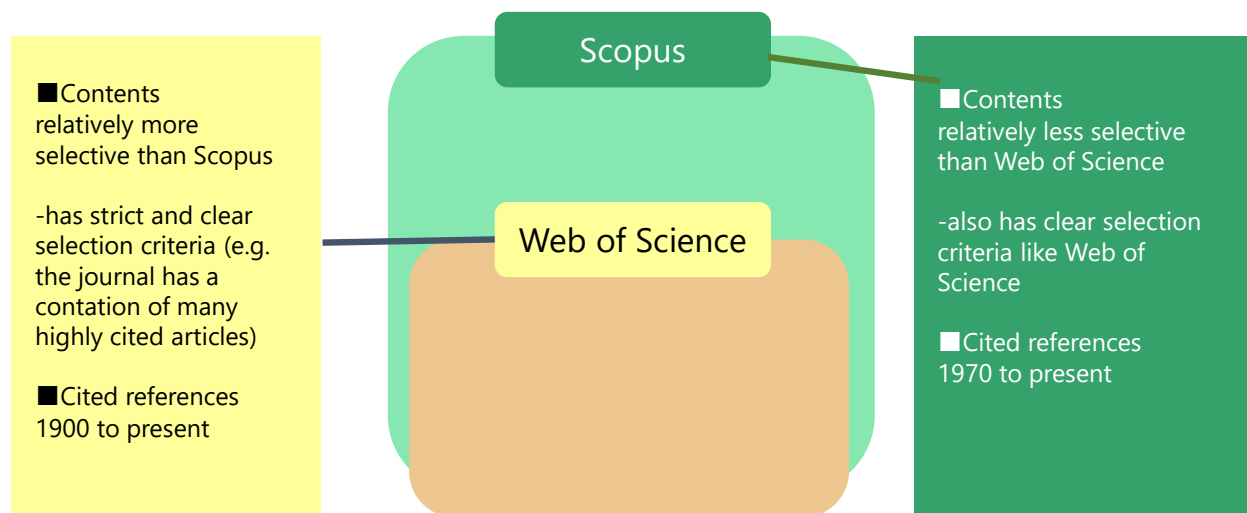
Examples of databases

Subject	Database
General	Scopus, Web of Science CiNii Research (for Japanese articles)
Chemistry	CAS SciFinder, Reaxys
Medicine	MEDLINE
Psychology	PsycINFO
Economics	EconLit
Sociology	SocIndex
Education	ERIC

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These are some examples of databases.
You can also use many other databases in UOsaka.

Databases for all fields : Scopus & WoS



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When you search English articles, Web of Science and Scopus are typical databases.

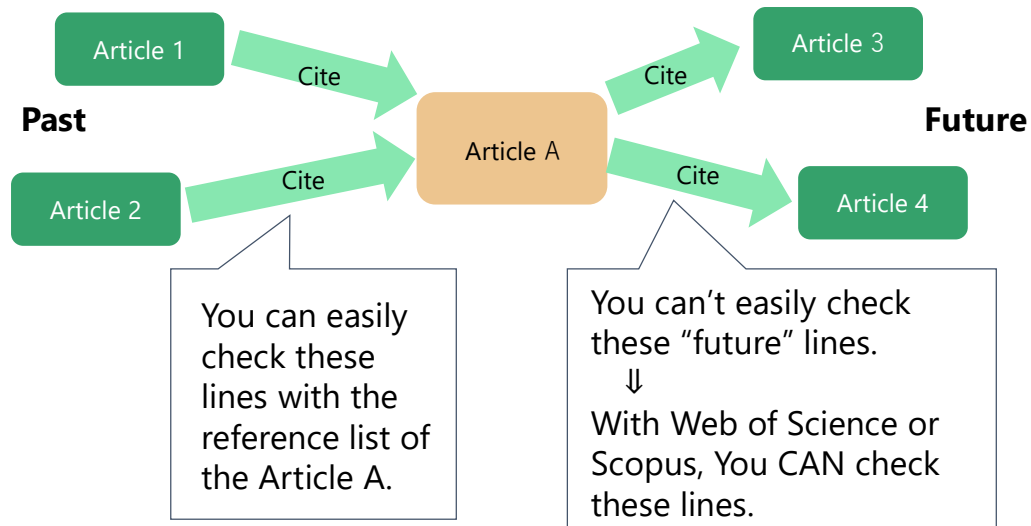
Both databases cover articles of all subject fields.

Web of Science strictly selects its contents; one of the criteria is whether a lot of researchers have cited the journal in their papers. So you can easily find the popular articles.

Also Web of Science has the data of cited references from 1900 to present. This allows you to track the citing relation to much older articles.

Scopus covers more articles than Web of Science. So you can find more article information about your keyword.

About Cited References



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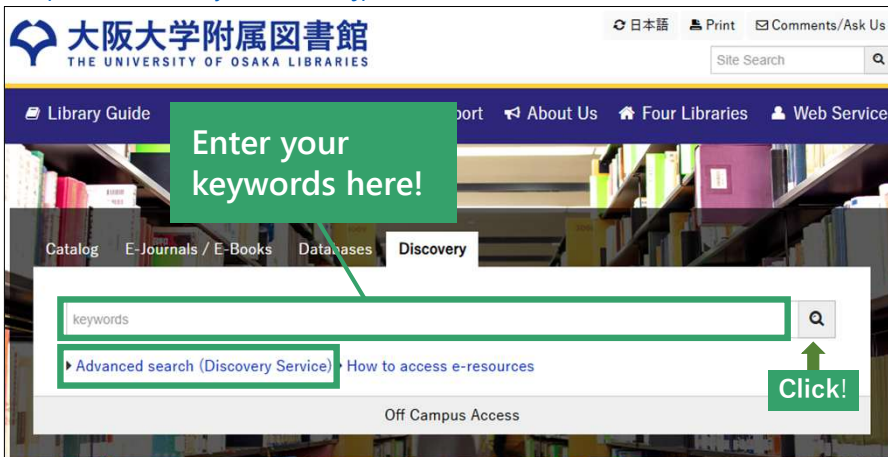
Let me give you a little more information about cited references. You can easily trace back “past lines” like Article1,2 with the reference list of the Article A. On the other hand, it’s difficult to trace the articles which cite the Article A, these “future lines” like Article3,4.

But, With Web of Science or Scopus, you can track “future lines” because these databases connect articles by citation relations. By checking these articles, you can track the development of the research which you are paying attention to.

About Discovery Service

The University of Osaka Libraries Website

<https://www.library.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/>



How to search and access articles at the University of Osaka Libraries

You can search across

- Uosaka Catalog (OPAC)
- many databases

all at once !

Next, let me show you how to use Discovery Service.
Please visit our library website and click on “Discovery” tab.
Then type keywords into the search box and search.

The discovery service allows you to search UOsaka OPAC and most other databases available at UOsaka.
Compared with google scholar, Discovery Service covers deeper information which is only recorded in paid databases.

Use the appropriate tool for your purpose

Subject Database



- high level of search ability
e.g.) thesaurus search
- can filter out search noises
- ⇔
- may miss interdisciplinary articles

Database For all fields

Discovery Service



- can search across articles for all subject fields
- ⇔
- can't use specialized search like using thesaurus

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As I've explained, when searching for articles, you can use subject databases, multidisciplinary databases such as Web of Science and Scopus, and the Discovery Service.

In general, the more specific a database is to a subject, the more advanced search functions it provides.

So, if there is a subject database for your research field, we recommend using it as your main tool.

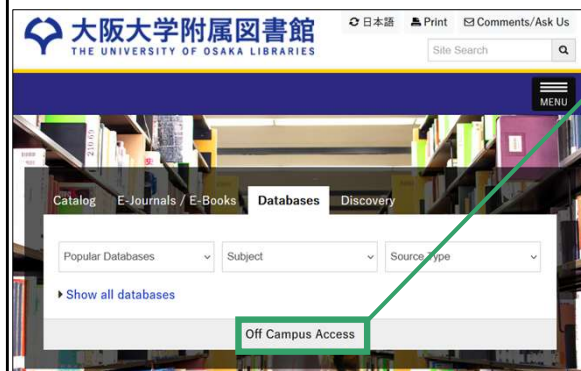
At the same time, you should also use multidisciplinary databases like Web of Science and Scopus, because subject databases may miss interdisciplinary articles.

In short, choose the tool that best fits your purpose.

Off campus access to databases

The University of Osaka Libraries Website

https://www.library.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/off_campus_eng/



Off Campus Access

You can access e-resources (e-journals, e-books and databases) that the University of Osaka subscribes from home or business trip destinations. When you are within the campus of the University of Osaka, please use e-resources via the tab "E-Journals / E-Books" or "Databases" on Library's website.

Access to e-journals / e-books

Search by Title

▶ E-Journals / E-Books Search

If the title you need is available for off-campus access, authentication screen

Access to databases

Some databases are available off-campus via the following link through user authentication by Osaka University Personal ID.

- [ACM Digital Library](#)
- [AnthroSource \(Wiley\)](#)

Notice of use

- **Osaka University ID and password** required to use it. Please check the page [FAQ on Campus IT Authentication Service in the University of Osaka](#) about Osaka University Personal password.
- Some e-resource available under the license because we provide the e-resources with publishers permission.

If you try to access the databases outside the campus, please access it from the "Off Campus Access" link on the Library homepage.
In the "Off Campus Access" page, please find the database name you would like to use. After logging in with your Osaka University Personal ID & Password, you can access the database.