

【2nd Section】

How to search and get articles in Osaka University Library

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Hello everyone.

Thank you for viewing this movie.

This lecture series consist of two sections.

In this second section, I would like to talk about how to search and get articles in Osaka University Library.

Let's get started!

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How to search and get articles in Osaka University Library

This slide shows you today's contents.

First, how to search journal articles by using Osaka University's tools.

Second, after searching articles, how to get them.

How to search articles

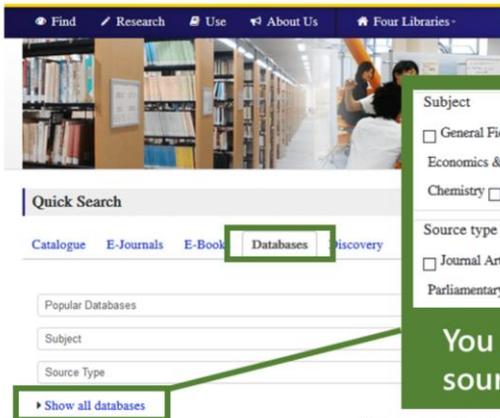
How to search and get articles in Osaka University Library

When you search academic articles, using databases will be the best choice.
You can use various databases in Osaka University.

How to access database

大阪大学附属図書館
OSAKA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

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



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 Evidences Indicators Others

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

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【In the video, we give you a demonstration on how to access databases.】

Let me show you how to access the databases.

At first, please visit our library's website and click on "Databases" tab.

Then, click on "Show all databases", you'll see the database list in Osaka University.

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

For example, if you want to search articles about chemistry, check the "chemistry" in the subject box.

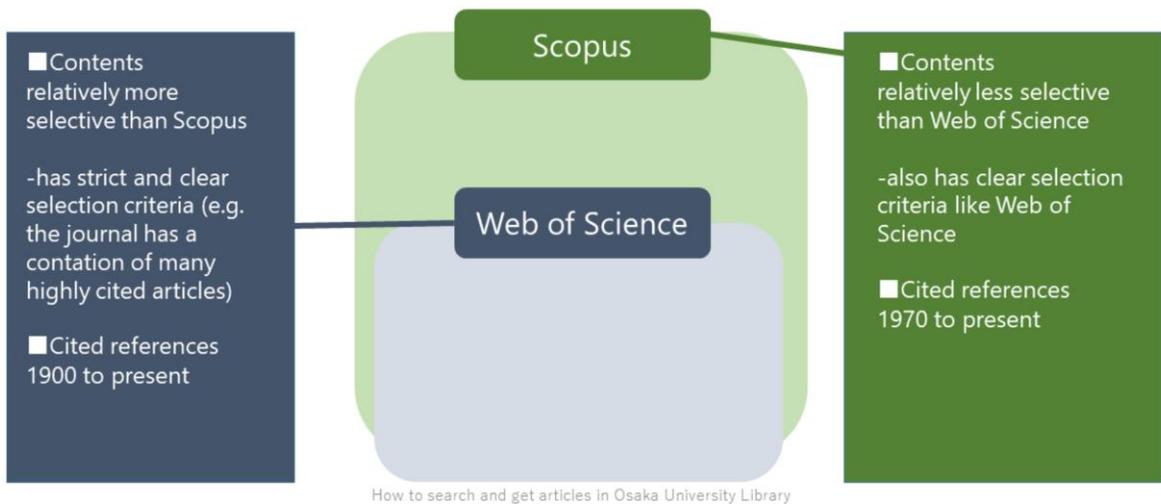
Examples of databases

Subject	Database
General	Scopus, Web of Science CiNii Articles (for Japanese articles)
Chemistry	SciFinder, Reaxys
Medicine	MEDLINE
Psychology	PsycInfo
Economics	EconLit
Sociology	SocIndex
Pedagogy	ERIC

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

Databases for all fields : Scopus & WoS



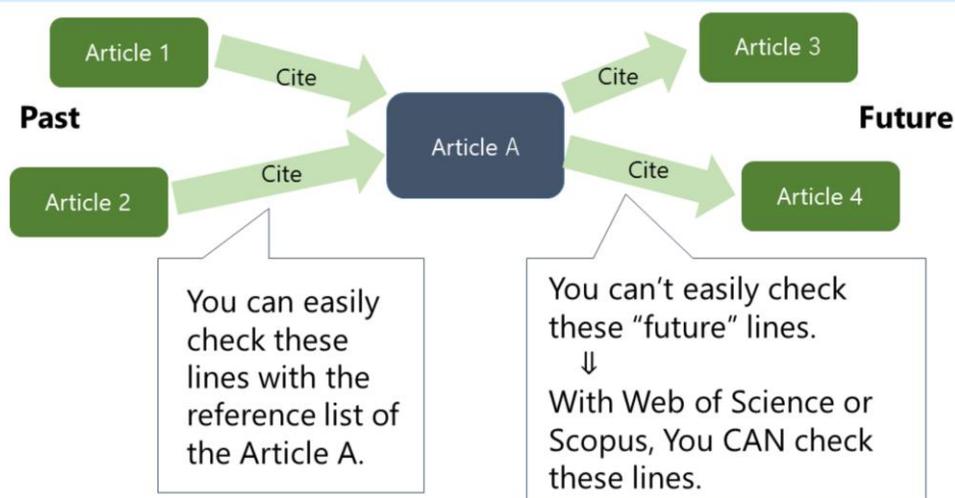
When you search English articles, Web of Science and Scopus are typical databases. Both databases cover articles of all subject fields.

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 Article 1,2 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 Article 3,4.

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



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

You can search across

- Library Catalogue (OPAC)
- many databases

all at once !

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

By using discovery service, you can search across Osaka University OPAC and most of the other databases that are available in Osaka University.
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

Database
For all fields

Discovery
Service



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

- 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 you search articles, you can use Subject Databases, Databases for all fields such as Web of Science / Scopus, and Discovery Service.

Generally speaking, the more specific subject a database handles, the higher level of search functions it provides.

So if there is an appropriate subject database for your research field, I recommend you to use it mainly.

But, you also ought to use databases covering broader fields such as Web of Science & Scopus because subject databases may miss interdisciplinary articles.

Try to use the appropriate tool for your purpose.

Off campus access to databases



Off Campus Access

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

Access to e-journals / e-books

Access to databases

E-Resource List

search by title

Starts with Contains Exact

▶ [Advanced search \(E-Resource List\)](#)

If the title you need is available for off-campus access, authentication screen will appear. After

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

- [ACM Digital Library](#)
- [AnthroSource](#)
- [CINAHL Plus](#)
- [CiNii Articles](#)
- [Cochrane Library](#)
- [EconLit](#)
- [Eighteenth Century Collections Online \(ECCO\)](#)

Osaka University Library Website

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

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If you try to access the databases outside the campus, please click on "Off Campus Access" icon on Library's Website.

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.