**Web of Science**

**What is Web of Science?**
Web of Science is a database that includes the information contained in the **Science Citation Expanded Index**, **Social Sciences Citation Index**, and the **Arts & Humanities Citation Index**. These citation indexes permit users to identify a research article, view the articles in its bibliography, and determine which articles have cited that article.

**How do I access Web of Science?**
Web of Science is linked on the Himmelfarb Library website from the E-Databases page in the Research Articles section (or click W on the A-Z list).

**Is Web of Science accessible from off-campus?**
Yes, Web of Science is accessible from off-campus if you authenticate via the VPN and ALADIN. For further information please consult the Off-Campus access instructions (http://www.gwumc.edu/library/services/access.cfm).

**How can I search Web of Science?**
You can search Web of Science using three search functions: Search, Cited Ref Search, and Advanced Search.

- **Search** – keyword search subject terms, author names, or journal names. Use this search function to identify articles of interest.
- **Cited Reference Search** – search by Cited Author, Cited Work, or Cited Years. Use the journal abbreviation list to search using the shortened journal name. Use this when you have already identified an article and want to determine if it has been cited and which articles have cited it.
- **Advanced Search** – search using field tags and Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT). Use this search function to conduct focused searches when you have a good idea of what inclusion/exclusion criteria to apply.

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After I input data for a Cited Reference Search, why is >1 article displayed?
Web of Science will return all matching citations. Citations are sometimes misrepresented in articles, thus there may be more than one match for a specific article. In the example below the 1st and 3rd checked citations are the same article so the number of citing articles may be >31, so check the other 2.

Can I download citations from Web of Science to RefWorks, EndNote, etc?
Yes. You may export directly to RefWorks, EndNote, etc.

What is the difference between a ‘Cited Reference’ and ‘Times Cited’?
Cited References represent the articles that were cited in that article’s bibliography.

Times Cited represent articles that were published subsequent to the original article and which cited the original article in their bibliographies.

How can I get more help?
Web of Science provides a help area which can answer many questions. The help area can be navigated by a table of contents or keyword index.

GWU’s Gelman Library provides a research guide which is available online at: http://libguides.gwu.edu/wos

Additional assistance is available at the Reference Desk. Stop at the desk, call 202-994-2850 or email himmelfarb@gwu.edu.

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