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Web of Science Now Available

The Library is very pleased to announce that the Web of Science (WoS) is now available to UMBC students, faculty and staff! Currently, the UMBC subscription provides coverage from 1998 to the present. This major research resource, long missing from the UMBC campus, provides online access to all three ISI citation indexes: Science Citation Index, Social Sciences Citation Index and Arts & Humanities Citation Index.

WoS provides access to multidisciplinary research from approximately 8,700 of the most prestigious, high impact research journals in the world. While standard keyword and author searching are available, WoS pioneered and provides a unique search method, cited and citing reference searching. With it, users can navigate both backward (cited references) and forward (citing references) through the literature, searching all disciplines to uncover information relevant to their research. This navigation is possible with a simple click of the mouse!

While search results are presented in the usual reverse-chronological listing, WoS also offers the very useful option to view faceted search results. Faceted results can be reviewed by broad Subject Categories, Source Titles, Document Types, Authors and Publication

Years. The "Analyze" feature allows for further analysis of search results by even more facets. A new version of WoS was released early in 2007, and while it is not the default web interface, it can be easily accessed via the "Access new version!" button at the top of the screen.

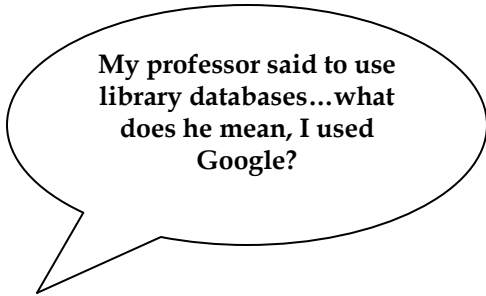
WoS is part of the Web of Knowledge (WoK) platform to which UMBC researchers also have access. WoK includes other valuable and searchable resources such as ISI Highly Cited. WoK, along with a cross-search feature, is available via the drop-down menu at the top of the screen.

The UMBC subscription to the WoS was only made possible by a combined effort and with major contributions by the Biological Sciences and Chemistry & Biochemistry departments, Office of the Provost and the Graduate School along with the Library.

Your feedback on this resource is welcomed and may be sent to Uta Hussong, uhussong@umbc.edu. Comments may also left on the Library News blog entry "Web of Science has ARRIVED!" (see the Library homepage). Uta is available for classroom instruction or research consults focusing on WoS or other science-related research resources. – submitted by Uta Hussong



For a complete listing of electronic resources, click on the library's homepage at www.umbc.edu/library



Does this sound familiar? Coaching students to explore other research paths other than the Google way is a challenge.

The Subject Librarians welcome opportunities to collaborate with you. We can arrange an instructional session tailored to your course needs or we can meet with you. We recognize that inquiring minds want to know and we are ready to guide them to the right source.

Update on Research Port

Research Port was recently upgraded. The new version of Research Port has a simpler navigation. Some of the changes include the ability:

- ◆ to store citations lists of databases and lists of journals.
- ◆ to cross search multiple databases after selecting a subject categories.
- ◆ to create a custom group of databases using My Lists.
- ◆ to identify a citation and ascertain if it is online or in the library.

For **more** information on recent changes on Research Port, visit http://usmai.umd.edu/rp_changes.html

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