

II How to locate journal articles and research papers

1. Search for journal articles and research papers

Below is a description of how to search for journal articles and research papers.

To search for articles and papers by title or author name, use the article index or bibliography.

(* Please be advised that you cannot run a search for articles and papers in journals by title or author name on OPAC.)

There are many types of article indexes and bibliographies, and their recording forms also vary significantly, such as online databases, CD-ROMs, and booklets (printed materials). Some of the main types are introduced here. Please refer to the official website of the Library for details, such as the scope of recorded information (target subjects and period) and others. * **For information on the use of CD-ROMs and external databases, please see page 7.**

(1) Journal Article Index (National Diet Library)

This is a representative index to search for articles in academic journals published in Japan and contains Japanese articles in academic journals and university bulletins as well as research reports, which have been accepted by NDL. Their recording forms include online databases, CD-ROMs, and booklets. The online database is open to the public as NDL OPAC (<http://opac.ndl.go.jp/>).

(2) MAGAZINEPLUS (Nichigai Associates, Inc.)

This is the largest information database for journals and research papers in Japan. In addition to the aforementioned NDL Journal Article Index data, it contains annual research reports and collections of research papers in the fields of humanities and sociology, which were published by academic societies after the war. This is accessible from Meiji University as an **external database**, and for the journals that the University holds among the search results, a link to OPAC is displayed.

(3) GeNii (National Institute of Informatics)

GeNii (NII Scholarly and Academic Information Portal), which our university offers as one of the **external databases**, allows for searches over the academic information services provided by NII, which include a bibliography location service, an information search service, and an electronic library service. Among the services provided by GeNii, the following are particularly useful in searching research papers:

- **CiNii (NII Scholarly and Academic Information Navigator)**: This enables

searching centering on the research bulletins published by universities and the academic journals issued by academic societies and associations. In some literature, users not only can track down the related articles via citation information of each paper retrieved (what types of papers are cited for reference or by what types of papers it is referenced to), but also display full text documents. While CiNii is open to the public, patrons of Meiji University Library can display detailed data, such as abstracts and citation information, and part of any charged text data by accessing it via the network (via campus LAN or via off-campus VPN connection) of the University, which has concluded a fixed price institutional contract with the Institute.

- **NII-DBR (Academic Research Database Repository)**: A search can be performed into technical databases, which were developed by academic organizations and researchers in each field, separately or collectively. The available databases include the Bibliography of Sociology in Japan, Bibliography of Geography in Japan, and many others.

(4) Science and Technology Literature Flash Report

This is an index to domestic and overseas science and technology literature offered by the Japan Science and Technology Agency. The data are offered in the forms of online databases, CD-ROMs, or booklets. The online database JDream II is available to our patrons as an external database.

(5) Legal Reports and Literature Information

It contains bibliographic information related to legal literature and law reports. The literature information include books related to law, three law journals, research bulletins, and signed legal articles and interviews, which have appeared in the *Asahi*, *Yomiuri*, *Mainichi*, and *Nikkei* newspapers. They are available in the forms of online databases, CD-ROMs, and booklets, and the online database is available to our patrons as an **external database**.

(6) SciFinder Scholar

This is an online database where you can search for information on chemical substances, literature on chemistry, organic chemical reactions, catalogs of reagents and chemical products, existing chemical substance registries, medical literature, and patents in an exhaustive manner. This can be used as one of the University's **external databases**.

(7) Web of Science

This is a database for academic literature and citation indexes. By using this database, patrons can retrieve required research information from approximately 9,300 academic journals that are most prestigious and influential in the world. Moreover, patrons can do research on research achievements and the influence of journals based on citation information and grasp research trends in a field by analyzing research activities and results in the field. This is available as one of the



University's **external databases**.

(8) Other bibliographies in the form of a booklet

Periodical article indexes and research paper bibliographies of various fields are available in the reference book area of the Central Library, the reference room of the Izumi Library, and the periodical and reference room of the Ikuta Library. They are useful materials when you want to make a systematic study of a certain field or of dates that are not included in electronic materials in databases or CD-ROMs.

2. Electronic Journals

These are academic journals accessible via a computer network. You can read the body texts of articles by accessing their databases. At the University, patrons can access the electronic journals centering on overseas journals from the Library website.

<Ovid SearchSolver for Research Paper Search>: There are various electronic information sources in the Library, including OPAC, NACSIS Webcat, Science Direct, and JSTOR. In the past, we had to use these sources separately when doing a search. Ovid SearchSolver, however, allows you to run a search across different information sources. For those materials whose full texts are available online at the University, you can directly access them from the search results by clicking each link.

<List of Electronic Journals>

- ACS (Chemistry)
- AIP (Physics)
- APS (Physics)
- GBRC Online Journal (Business)
- IPAP (Physics)
- J-STAGE
(Science and Technology Information)
- JSTOR (Humanities)
- NII-ELS(CiNii) (General)
- ProQuest ABI/INFORM (Business and Management Information)
- ScienceDirect (Science, Technology, Medicine, and Social Science)
- SourceOECD (OECD publications)
- SpringerLink (Medicine, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Engineering, Biology)
- SwetsWise (General) • Wiley InterScience (Science and Technology, Medicine)
- Nikkei BP Article Search Service (Back issues of magazines published by Nikkei Business Publications, Inc.)

New for 2008

- CUP (Human and Social Sciences)
- OUP (Natural Science, Engineering, Medicine, Human and Social Sciences)
- IEL Online (Electronic and Electrical Engineering)
- Nature Online (Natural Science)
- Science Online (Science)...and many others!

★ **For information on the latest external databases and electronic journals, please visit the Library website.**