ISI Journal Citation Reports
Identify Impact Factors and the Ranking of Journals in a Field

The Levy Library has licensed Journal Citation Reports (JCR), which provides Mount Sinai students, faculty, and staff with easy access to data for evaluating scholarly journals. JCR includes data on over 5,700 leading international science journals and over 1,700 social science journals.

Use Journal Citation Reports to Identify:
- Journals with the highest impact factors
- The most frequently cited journals
- The “hottest” journals - those most quickly cited
- The largest journals- publishers of the most articles

What is the Impact Factor?

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\text{Impact Factor} = \frac{\text{# of Current Citations to a Journal}}{\text{Total # of Articles Published in Same Journal}}
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To Find the Impact Factor (and Other Data) for a Journal or a Group of Journals:
1. Go to the Levy Library’s homepage: http://www.mssm.edu/library (This is a licensed resource. You must be affiliated with Mount Sinai to gain access.)
2. Select the Databases button and scroll down to the category entitled Citation Indexes. Click on the database entitled Journal Citation Reports.
3. From the ISI homepage, select ISI Journal Citation Reports, listed under Analytical Tools.

1. Select edition and year

Choose one of the following:
- View a group of journals by subject, publisher, or country.
- Search for a specific journal.
- Or, view all journals.

Submit

3. If you selected subject category, choose a subject from the list on the next screen.

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The journal summary list will display. Use the drop-down menu to sort the results by various criteria including **Journal Title** and **Impact Factor**. The yellow column indicates how the results are currently being sorted.

Click on the journal title to see more details.

From this screen, you may view the following:

- **Impact Factor**
- **Immediacy Index** - How quickly published articles from this journal are cited.
- **Total Articles Published**
- **Total Cites**
- **Cited Half Life** - The age of the articles cited by a journal.

From the next screen, view journal data in more detail:

Click **Trends** to see a graph of this journal’s impact factors for the last 5 years.

**Cited Journal**: Lists the publications that most frequently cite this journal.

**Citing Journal**: Lists the publications that are most frequently cited by this journal.

Scroll to read further explanations and view the mathematical formulas used to calculate the data.

To find out more about evaluating journals, you may wish to read the article entitled *Using the JCR Wisely*, located in the JCR’s Help files.