Subject Category Listing

What is a journal's impact in its field?

The fourth part of the JCR, the Subject Category Listing, contains two sections. Both are printed in this guide, beginning on page 39. This listing enables the user to analyze the journal citation data within specific subject categories. It can be important to make a distinction between a journal's rank overall and its rank within a subject category.

Section 1 is a breakdown of the SSCI source journals by subject category. A journal may be listed in more than one category. Within each category, journals are ranked by impact factor. Cited half-life is also provided. See definitions for descriptions of impact factor and cited half-life. Section 2 is an alphabetic listing of the journals found in the first section, with a cross-reference to their subject categories. This section allows users to quickly determine under which categories a journal is listed.

Citing Journal Listing

Which journals did a journal cite? What is its self-citing rate?

The fifth part of the JCR, the Citing Journal Listing, is an alphabetic list of the SSCI source journals. The journals they cited are sub-entries.

The main entry includes the citing journal's impact factor, abbreviated title, total references from the journal's current articles (asterisked), the ten year distribution of references by year of publication of the cited items, and under the heading, 'Rest', citations to items published prior to the ten years listed.

The sub-entries show journals cited by the main-entry journal. The cited journals are listed, in descending order, by frequency of citations received. The impact factor, when available, is provided for the cited journals. The total citations for each cited journal is shown, and then distributed by year of publication of the cited items.

The last sub-entry, 'All Other', summarizes data on unitemized journals. The following algorithm was used to control the length of sub-entry lists.

1. A maximum of 100 sub-entries are printed.
2. Sub-entries that account for 85% of the total citations are printed.
3. Sub-entries that received/gave fewer than 6 citations are not printed, unless that would leave fewer than 6 sub-entries.
4. A minimum of 6 sub-entries are printed when possible.