

Academic journals search – TAU

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This document lists some search directions for academic papers in economics for students at Tel Aviv University.

Published papers:

- If you know the name of the paper you can Google the name of paper while connected to a TAU network computer
- Use key words search in any of the library datasets:
<http://www.soclib.tau.ac.il/info.asp?id=050> (EconLit, EconPapers, Jstor).

Unpublished completed papers (also called working papers):

- <http://ideas.repec.org/>
- www.nber.org/papers
- Personal webpages of faculty

Both published and unpublished papers:

- Goggle scholar: <http://scholar.google.com/> by using key words

Frequently asked questions:

1. Why should I look for unpublished papers?

The publishing process is slow and it could take several years between the time of a completed working paper and the time of publication. This means that part of the current scientific frontier is not currently published.

2. How would I know which faculty members' webpages to look for?

The faculty institution ranking is a good proxy. See for example:

<http://ideas.repec.org/top/top.econdept.html>

3. How would I know which journals to search in?

Various rankings of journals exist. See for example:

<http://www.jedc.com/bin/Rankingwp0512.pdf>

4. What about the year of the publication?

Try to look for recent papers. Those papers will usually mention the main sources and the evolution of the literature.

5. Suppose I find a relatively old paper and I want to see how the literature has evolved since?

Use the library's link to *Web of Science*: <http://www.isiknowledge.com/wos>

- a. Look for a paper
- b. Click on the paper title
- c. Choose in the next screen citation map. This will give you the papers that were cited in the paper and the papers that cited this paper.

6. What about other years? Journals? Institutions?

High quality papers may appear anywhere, anytime and by anyone. You may wish to broaden your search beyond the recommendations in this document.

7. What should I do if I have questions on search or if I want to know more about using the library database?

Ask the helpdesk advisors at the library:

<http://www.soclib.tau.ac.il/heb/services/reference.shtml>