

Coverage of the social sciences and humanities in Scopus and the Web of Science

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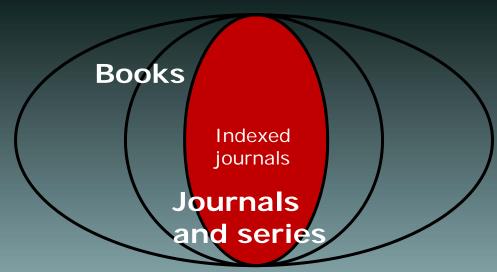
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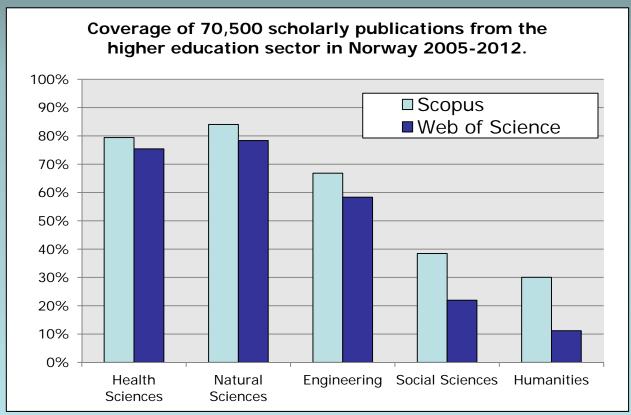
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Classical Studies	259	66 %	48 %	23 %	26 %
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Linguistics	1057	61 %	93 %	39 %	41 %
Ethnology	392	57 %	47 %	12 %	16 %
Literature	764	57 %	31 %	16 %	18 %
Archaeology and Conservation	765	56 %	52 %	26 %	30 %
Slavonic Studies	231	56 %	84 %	17 %	43 %
Architecture and Design	424	54 %	38 %	11 %	24 %
Philosophy and History of Ideas	1121	54 %	45 %	28 %	33 %
Art History	278	54 %	45 %	21 %	25 %
Musicology	403	50 %	43 %	28 %	26 %
Theology and Religion	2126	50 %	42 %	16 %	34 %
History	1645	45 %	44 %	40 %	44 %
Media and Communication	1073	39 %	73 %	19 %	47 %
Asian and African Studies	237	39 %	99 %	42 %	49 %
Germanic Studies	238	38 %	100 %	39 %	37 %
Romance Studies	304	35 %	100 %	47 %	55 %
Scandinavian Studies	1777	35 %	17 %	2 %	2 %
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Economics	1081	75 %	83 %	73 %	77 %
Business & Administration	2904	63 %	76 %	39 %	57 %
Law	2108	61 %	31 %	6 %	13 %
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