Welcome!

In this video I will show you how you can sort your results and use filters to further refine them.

We will start with the results list that we retrieved after running our example search in Video 2 Running a Search in Scopus. We can see that we are starting with 67 results.

At the far right hand side of the toolbar above the results list you can see the words Sort On followed by a drop down menu. The options in the menu allow you to determine how your results are being ordered and displayed. By default, Scopus sorts your results by date, with the newest listed first. This could be particularly helpful if you are looking for the newest developments related to your topic. Additionally, you can change it to Cited By, which will order the results based on the number of times it has been cited by others' works. This may be helpful if you are looking for high impact papers. Or you can sort by Relevance, which will place the results that mention your search terms the most often or in key areas such as in the title, at the top of the list. This may be helpful if you need a couple of articles highly related to your topic. For this example we will leave it on the default setting.

If you look down the left hand side of the screen, Scopus offers many filters that you can add to refine your results. While there are many filters available, I will highlight a couple that may be particularly useful. The first is Year and can be found second on the list. Depending on your specific research context you may want to limit your search results to a specific date range. Often researchers will choose to limit their results to within the last 15 years. The other one that I will highlight is Document Type, found about halfway down the list. Your professor may request that you use specific types of documents (such as articles) and you can limit your results to only include those. For our example today, we will limit our search to articles published within the last five years. To do this we will simply select the checkbox to the left of each of our preferences, and once we have selected them all we will select Limit To, found at the very bottom on the filters section. Now we can see that we have gone from 67 to 15 results.

Continue to the next video to learn how to read an article record in Scopus.

Thanks for watching and happy searching!