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The purpose of this research is studying the citation in research reports and master theses of the Sociology and Anthropology Department, Graduate School, Chulalongkorn University and the Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology, Thammasat University. Research method is analysing types, languages, ages and subjects of the cited documents, together with question-nairing to ask the writers of research reports and master theses for their reasons of citing, their considering the importance and necessity of the cited documents, their consulting the cited documents and the number of the documents that the writers used in their works but did not cited.

The results of the study was found that the books (53.04%) and the journals(20.39%) were types of mostly cited of documents. Thai documents (54.52%) were mostly cited. The English books (27.07%) and the English journals (13.25%) were mostly cited. The ages of mostly cited documents (28.40%) were 1-5 years. The subject of mostly cited documents (35.06%) was Sociology. In citation, the writers mostly think about three reasons : pay homage to pioneers, identifying idea or concept of the content and methodology, and providing background reading to the reader. The cited documents (92.07%) were considered to be important and necessary, therefore, they were consulted especially for written works. The documents in item 0-2 (35.42%) were consulted in written works, but were not cited. The most reason that the writers cited the unconsulted documents(54.17%) was the writers got the bibliographic of documents but they could not find the actual documents. The most reason for unciting consulted documents (51.72%) was those documents were only investigated merely for applying the concepts for the written works and not for the practical use in the citation.