

Definitions of Ethics

Merriam-Webster

1*plural but sing or plural in constr* : the discipline dealing with what is good and bad and with moral duty and obligation 2 a: a set of moral principles : a theory or system of moral values <the present-day materialistic *ethic*> <an old-fashioned work *ethic*> —often used in plural but singular or plural in construction <an elaborate *ethics*><Christian *ethics*> **b***plural but sing or plural in constr* : the principles of conduct governing an individual or a group <professional *ethics*> **c**: a guiding philosophy **d**: a consciousness of moral importance <forge a conservation *ethic*> 3*plural* : a set of moral issues or aspects (as rightness) <debated the ethics of human cloning>

Business Dictionary (online)

Investigation into the basic [concepts](#) and fundamental [principles](#) of human [conduct](#). It includes [study](#) of universal values such as the essential equality of all men and women, human or natural rights, obedience to the law of land, concern for health and safety and, increasingly, also for the natural environment. See also morality.

Ethical Education al Leadership in Turbulent Times (book)

Initially it came from the Greek word Ethos, which meant customs or usages, especially belonging to one group as distinguished from another. Later ethics came to mean disposition or character, customs, and approved ways of acting. Dewey (1902), for example defined ethics as the science that dealt with conduct insofar as this is considered as right or wrong, good or bad.