

Ethics - definitions

- from Ethos (Greek) or pattern of conduct.
- The study which is concerned with the ideal fulfillment of the life of man.
- **The study of what man ought to be by reason of what he is.**
- Man should aim at whatever will fulfill his nature. (cannot be whatever frustrates or perverts his nature)

Man can cooperate in the fulfillment of himself

- Man can knowingly and freely co-operate in the full realization of what his nature ought to be.
 - **Through hard work and study, we can do good in the world and do good for others – we can *contribute* to society**
- We can choose erroneously and perversely.
 - Through willful laziness, dissipation, we can be a burden on others, we can reduce the ability of others to do good.

Happiness – the ultimate goal

- Professor – one can find great satisfaction in making a difference in the lives of the students
- Professor – one can find great satisfaction in research – trying to make life better for society.
- **We owe it to our students to set a high bar – help them achieve their potential**
- **We owe it to society to ensure our students are competent when they graduate**