

Possible topics for research papers in everyday ethics

The questions given under some of the topics are just meant as examples of the sort of question you might ask. They are not meant to be exhaustive or limiting.

Gossip

Rudeness

Politeness

Giving and taking offence

Humor

Snobbery

Pride

Envy E.g. Is there anything good about envy?

How can one avoid feeling envious of others?

Respect E.g. Can I respect a person even if I don't respect their opinions?

Are some people entitled to more respect than others?

Taking offence

Microaggressions

Gift-giving

Forgiveness

Sportsmanship

Drink and drugs

Academic dishonesty

Work E.g. Is hard work part of the good life or opposed to it?

Leisure

Consumption E.g. Is there anything wrong with seeking happiness through consumption?

Is it worthwhile trying to be an ethical consumer?

Consumerism

Environmentalism

Obligations of children to parents

Social media and personal reputation

Food E.g. Is overeating a moral failing?

Luxury E.g. Is a taste for fine things part of the good life or opposed to it?

Extravagance E.g. Is extravagance a moral failing? If so, when, and why?

Tipping

Flirting

Dating

Sex E.g. Why do people disapprove of promiscuity? Should they?

Technology E.g. Should we try to be less dependent on technology?

Do we have a duty to keep up with technological innovation?

Drugs E.g. Is there anything wrong using drugs for pleasure?

Loyalty

Education E.g. What are the moral obligations of a college student?

Art	E.g. Does becoming better educated make one a better person? Can it?
Aesthetics	E.g. Can works of art be unethical? How and why?
Sexism attitudes?	E.g. Do we have a moral obligation to make the world more beautiful?
Nature	E.g. Are there aspects of everyday life that continue to promote sexist attitudes?
Lifestyle	E.g. Does a person's relationship with nature affect their moral character?
	E.g. Which aspects of the typical contemporary American lifestyle are morally blameworthy? Which represent an improvement over previous ways of living?