

'Universe of Discourse' (pub. 25.11.12-14:53). Quote in M. Bergman & S. Paavola (Eds.), *The Commens Dictionary: Peirce's Terms in His Own Words. New Edition*. Retrieved from <http://www.commens.org/dictionary/entry/quote-minute-logic-chapter-iv-ethics-logic-iv>.

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**Term:** Universe of Discourse

**Quote:** ... I wish my description of what is true or false, to apply to what is not only true or false generally, but also to what is true or false under conditions already assumed. Whatever may be the limitations previously imposed, that to which the truth or falsity is limited may be called the *universe of discourse*. For example, at the mention of a certain name, every person initiated into the Eleusinian mysteries invariably experiences a feeling of awe. This is true. It is therefore true that every person initiated into the Eleusinian mysteries always experiences a sentiment of awe; not universally, but only under the limitations already understood before this is said.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1902). *Minute Logic: Chapter IV. Ethics (Logic IV)*. MS [R] 434.

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