

Need another word that means the same as “doctrine”? Find 33 synonyms and 30 related words for “doctrine” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Doctrine” are: ism, philosophy, school of thought, creed, credo, dogma, belief, set of beliefs, code of belief, conviction, teaching, principle, rule, tenet, canon, code, guideline, working principle, law, ordinance, statute, command, order, decree, mandate, dictate, dictum, directive, direction, instruction, injunction, prescription, commandment**

## Doctrine as a Noun

### Definitions of "Doctrine" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “doctrine” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A stated principle of government policy, mainly in foreign or military affairs.*
- *A belief (or system of beliefs) accepted as authoritative by some group or school.*
- *A belief or set of beliefs held and taught by a Church, political party, or other group.*



## Synonyms of "Doctrine" as a noun (33 Words)

<b>belief</b>	An acceptance that something exists or is true, especially one without proof. <i>The medieval system of fervent religious <b>belief</b>.</i>
<b>canon</b>	A priest who is a member of a cathedral chapter. <i>The biblical <b>canon</b>.</i>
<b>code</b>	A set of conventions or moral principles governing behaviour in a particular sphere. <i>A stern <b>code</b> of honour.</i>
<b>code of belief</b>	A set of rules or principles or laws (especially written ones).
<b>command</b>	The power or authority to command. <i>He had a brilliant <b>command</b> of English.</i>

<b>commandment</b>	A divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments. <i>She had followed her mother s <b>commandments</b> for long enough.</i>
<u>conviction</u>	A formal declaration by the verdict of a jury or the decision of a judge in a court of law that someone is guilty of a criminal offence. <i>She had been speaking for some five minutes with force and <b>conviction</b>.</i>
<u>credo</u>	A statement of the beliefs or aims which guide someone's actions. <i>He announced his <b>credo</b> in his first editorial.</i>
<u>creed</u>	A formal statement of Christian beliefs, especially the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed. <i>Liberalism was more than a political <b>creed</b>.</i>
<u>decree</u>	The issuing of a decree. <i>Presidential <b>decrees</b>.</i>
<u>dictate</u>	A guiding principle. <i>The <b>dictates</b> of reason.</i>
<u>dictum</u>	A formal pronouncement from an authoritative source. <i>The old <b>dictum</b> might is right.</i>
<b>direction</b>	Something that provides direction or advice as to a decision or course of action. <i>The campaign s lack of <b>direction</b>.</i>
<u>directive</u>	A pronouncement encouraging or banning some activity. <i>A new EC <b>directive</b>.</i>
<u>dogma</u>	A doctrine or code of beliefs accepted as authoritative. <i>The rejection of political <b>dogma</b>.</i>
<b>guideline</b>	A general rule, principle, or piece of advice. <i>The organization has issued <b>guidelines</b> for people working with prisoners.</i>
<b>injunction</b>	(law) a judicial remedy issued in order to prohibit a party from doing or continuing to do a certain activity. <i><b>Injunction</b> were formerly obtained by writ but now by a judicial order.</i>
<b>instruction</b>	A direction or order. <i>He issued <b>instructions</b> to the sheriff.</i>
<b>ism</b>	A distinctive practice, system, or philosophy, typically a political ideology or an artistic movement. <i>He loathed <b>isms</b> and any form of dogma.</i>
<u>law</u>	Systems of law as a subject of study or as the basis of the legal profession. <i>He d never been in trouble with the <b>law</b> in his life.</i>

<b>mandate</b>	The commission that is given to a government and its policies through an electoral victory. <i>The last <b>mandate</b> of Trudeau from 1980 to 1984 was a remarkable chapter in Canadian history.</i>
<b>order</b>	An institution founded by a monarch along the lines of a medieval crusading monastic order for the purpose of honouring meritorious conduct. <i>We shall consider these questions in the inverse <b>order</b> of their presentation.</i>
<b>ordinance</b>	A statute enacted by a city government. <i>His strict observance of religious <b>ordinances</b> was no doubt quickened by the remorse he felt.</i>
<b>philosophy</b>	A particular system of philosophical thought. <i>The <b>philosophy</b> of science.</i>
<b>prescription</b>	An instruction written by a medical practitioner that authorizes a patient to be issued with a medicine or treatment. <i>The unnecessary <b>prescription</b> of antibiotics.</i>
<b>principle</b>	A basic truth or law or assumption. <i>The <b>principles</b> of internal combustion engines.</i>
<b>rule</b>	A rule describing or prescribing a linguistic practice. <i>Such accidents are the exception rather than the <b>rule</b>.</i>
<b>school of thought</b>	The period of instruction in a school; the time period when school is in session.
<b>set of beliefs</b>	Any electronic equipment that receives or transmits radio or tv signals.
<b>statute</b>	A written law passed by a legislative body. <i>Immunities granted to trade unions by <b>statute</b>.</i>
<b>teaching</b>	Ideas or principles taught by an authority. <i>The <b>teachings</b> of the Koran.</i>
<b>tenet</b>	A religious doctrine that is proclaimed as true without proof. <i>The <b>tenets</b> of classical liberalism.</i>
<b>working principle</b>	A mine or quarry that is being or has been worked.

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### Usage Examples of "Doctrine" as a noun

- *The Truman Doctrine.*
- *The doctrine of predestination.*



## Associations of "Doctrine" (30 Words)

<b>aesthetics</b>	A set of principles concerned with the nature and appreciation of beauty. <i>Traditional <b>aesthetics</b> assumed the existence of universal and timeless criteria of artistic value.</i>
<b>belief</b>	A vague idea in which some confidence is placed. <i>We re prepared to fight for our <b>beliefs</b>.</i>
<b>credibility</b>	The quality of being convincing or believable. <i>The government s loss of <b>credibility</b>.</i>
<b>credible</b>	Credulous. <i><b>Credible</b> information.</i>
<b>credo</b>	Any system of principles or beliefs. <i>He announced his <b>credo</b> in his first editorial.</i>

<b><u>credulity</u></b>	Tendency to believe readily. <i>Moneylenders prey upon their <b>credulity</b> and inexperience.</i>
<b>credulous</b>	Having or showing too great a readiness to believe things. <i>A ceremony staged for <b>credulous</b> tourists.</i>
<b><u>creed</u></b>	The written body of teachings of a religious group that are generally accepted by that group. <i>Liberalism was more than a political <b>creed</b>.</i>
<b>dialectician</b>	A person skilled in philosophical debate.
<b><u>dogma</u></b>	A doctrine or code of beliefs accepted as authoritative. <i>He believed all the Marxist <b>dogma</b>.</i>
<b>ecumenical</b>	Of worldwide scope or applicability. <i>He was a member of <b>ecumenical</b> committees.</i>
<b><u>faith</u></b>	A particular religion. <i>The Christian <b>faith</b>.</i>
<b>homiletics</b>	The branch of theology that deals with sermons and homilies.
<b>homily</b>	A tedious moralizing lecture. <i>She delivered her <b>homily</b> about the need for patience.</i>
<b>logic</b>	The system of operations performed by a computer that underlies the machine's representation of logical operations. <i>The <b>logic</b> of private competition was to replace small firms by larger firms.</i>
<b>metaphysics</b>	The philosophical study of being and knowing. <i>They would regard the question of the initial conditions for the universe as belonging to the realm of <b>metaphysics</b> or religion.</i>
<b>missionary</b>	Relating to or characteristic of a missionary or a religious mission. <i>Our taxi driver shared a sense of <b>missionary</b> zeal with us.</i>
<b>philosophy</b>	A belief (or system of beliefs) accepted as authoritative by some group or school. <i>The <b>philosophy</b> of science.</i>
<b>positivism</b>	A humanistic religious system founded on positivism.
<b>pragmatist</b>	An adherent of philosophical pragmatism. <i>American <b>pragmatists</b> have influenced a great deal of recent philosophy of many types.</i>
<b><u>preach</u></b>	Give moral advice to someone in a pompously self-righteous way. <i>He <b>preached</b> the word of God.</i>

<b>principle</b>	A general scientific theorem or law that has numerous special applications across a wide field. <i>The combination of male and female <b>principles</b>.</i>
<b>prophecy</b>	Deliver a sermon. <i>Jacques was <b>prophecy</b>ing a bumper harvest.</i>
<b>sociology</b>	The study of the development, structure, and functioning of human society.
<b>sophism</b>	A deliberately invalid argument displaying ingenuity in reasoning in the hope of deceiving someone.
<b>sophistry</b>	The use of clever but false arguments, especially with the intention of deceiving. <i>Trying to argue that I had benefited in any way from the disaster was pure <b>sophistry</b>.</i>
<b>sylogistic</b>	Of or relating to or consisting of syllogism.
<b>tenet</b>	A principle or belief, especially one of the main principles of a religion or philosophy. <i>The <b>tenets</b> of classical liberalism.</i>
<b>transcendental</b>	Existing outside of or not in accordance with nature-Aldous Huxley. <i>Find <b>transcendental</b> motives for sublunary action.</i>
<b>transcendentalism</b>	Any system of philosophy emphasizing the intuitive and spiritual above the empirical and material.



