

Need another word that means the same as “optional”? Find 8 synonyms and 30 related words for “optional” in this overview.

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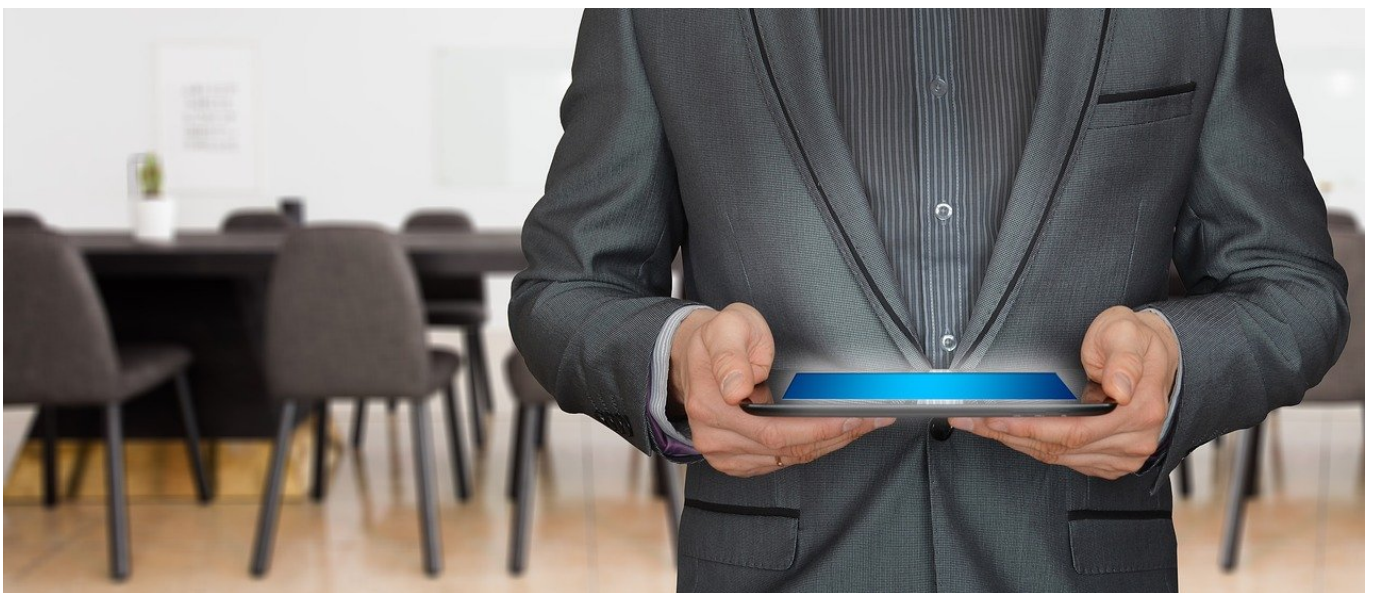
The synonyms of “Optional” are: voluntary, discretionary, not required, up to the individual, elective, free, open, unforced

Optional as an Adjective

Definitions of "Optional" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “optional” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Available to be chosen but not obligatory.*
- *Possible but not necessary; left to personal choice.*



Synonyms of "Optional" as an adjective (8 Words)

discretionary	Available for use at the discretion of the user. <i>Discretionary portfolios.</i>
<u>elective</u>	(of a body or position) possessing or giving the power to elect. <i>Elective surgery.</i>
free	Using or expending something without restraint; lavish. A <i>free</i> country.
not required	Required by rule.
open	Of a vowel produced with a relatively wide opening of the mouth and the tongue kept low. <i>The party's commitment to open government.</i>
unforced	Not resulting from undue effort; not forced. An <i>unforced</i> cheerfulness.
up to the individual	Open.
<u>voluntary</u>	Controlled by individual volition. <i>Voluntary manslaughter.</i>



Usage Examples of "Optional" as an adjective

- *A wide range of optional excursions is offered.*



Associations of "Optional" (30 Words)

abstention

Restraint in one's consumption; abstinence.
*A resolution passed by 126 votes to none with six **abstentions**.*

accessory

Someone who helps another person commit a crime.
*She was charged as an **accessory** to murder.*

alternative

Necessitating a choice between mutually exclusive possibilities.
*An **alternative** lifestyle.*

ballot

Vote by ballot.
*If the offer is oversubscribed acceptances will be **balloted**.*

choice

An act of choosing between two or more possibilities.
*Your **choice** of colors was unfortunate.*

choose

Pick out select or choose from a number of alternatives.
*I always **choose** the fish over the meat courses in this restaurant.*

chosen

Having been selected as the best or most appropriate.
*She was Mama's **chosen**.*

decide	Cause to decide. <i>I ve decided to stay on a bit.</i>
<u>elect</u>	Selected as the best. <i>I elected to have my funds deposited automatically.</i>
election	The status or fact of being elected. <i>His election to the House of Representatives.</i>
<u>elective</u>	Not compulsory. <i>An elective course of study.</i>
elector	In the US a member of the electoral college. <i>Close to 60 per cent of the 60 000 registered electors voted.</i>
hustings	A meeting at which candidates in an election address potential voters. <i>I was out on the hustings talking to people.</i>
incoming	The act of entering. <i>Keep an account of your incomings and outgoings.</i>
individually	One by one; singly; separately. <i>Dublin people dress more individually than people in London.</i>
menu	(computer science) a list of options available to a computer user. <i>They worked rapidly down the menu of reports.</i>
opt	Make a choice from a range of possibilities. <i>Consumers will opt for low priced goods.</i>
option	Buy or sell an option on. <i>She was given the option of resigning or being dismissed.</i>
<u>pick</u>	Hit lightly with a picking motion. <i>He was my pick for mayor.</i>
predetermine	Predestine (an outcome or course of events). <i>A strong sense that life had been predetermined.</i>
<u>prefer</u>	Give preference to one creditor over another. <i>We prefer sleeping outside.</i>
referendum	A legislative act is referred for final approval to a popular vote by the electorate.
scarify	Make shallow incisions in (the skin), especially as a medical procedure or traditional cosmetic practice. <i>Scarify soil.</i>
select	Selected or chosen for special qualifications. <i>Click Tools on the menu bar and select Settings.</i>
selection	A plot of land acquired by selection. <i>The publication of a selection of his poems.</i>

- selective** (of a process or agent) affecting some things and not others.
*He is very **selective** in his reading.*
- selectively** By selection; in a selective manner.
*He accused state officials of **selectively** enforcing the law.*
- singly** One by one; one at a time.
*He talked to the players **singly** and in groups.*
- suffrage** (in the Book of Common Prayer) the intercessory petitions pronounced by a priest in the Litany.
*The **suffrages** of the community.*
- vote** Cause someone to gain or lose a particular post or honour by means of a vote.
*The referendum call was **voted** down.*

