

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

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**The synonyms of “Secular” are: temporal, worldly, laic, lay, profane, earthly, layman, layperson**

## Secular as a Noun

### Definitions of "Secular" as a noun

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

- *A secular priest.*
- *Someone who is not a clergyman or a professional person.*



## Synonyms of "Secular" as a noun (2 Words)

- layman** A person without professional or specialized knowledge in a particular subject.  
*The book seems well suited to the interested **layman**.*
- A non-ordained member of a Church.
- layperson** *His highly successful lectures were meant for an audience of **laypersons** interested in the natural sciences.*



## Secular as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Secular" as an adjective

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

- *Occurring once every century or similarly long period (used especially in reference to celebratory games in ancient Rome).*
- *Not concerned with or devoted to religion.*
- *Of or denoting slow changes in the motion of the sun or planets.*
- *(of clergy) not subject to or bound by religious rule; not belonging to or living in a monastic or other order.*

- *Not connected with religious or spiritual matters.*
- *Of or relating to the doctrine that rejects religion and religious considerations.*
- *Not concerned with or devoted to religion.*
- *Characteristic of or devoted to the temporal world as opposed to the spiritual world.*
- *Of or relating to clergy not bound by monastic vows.*
- *Characteristic of those who are not members of the clergy.*
- *(of a fluctuation or trend) occurring or persisting over an indefinitely long period.*



## Synonyms of "Secular" as an adjective (6 Words)

### **earthly**

Relating to the earth or human life.  
*Believed that our **earthly** life is all that matters.*

### **laic**

Of the laity; secular.  
*Set his collar in **laic** rather than clerical position.*

**lay** Not of or from a profession.  
*A **lay** opinion as to the cause of the disease.*

**profane** Not relating to that which is sacred or religious; secular.  
***Profane** words.*

**temporal** Characteristic of or devoted to the temporal world as opposed to the spiritual world.

*Our **temporal** existence.*

**worldly** (of a person) experienced and sophisticated.  
*The benefits of his **worldly** wisdom.*



## Usage Examples of "Secular" as an adjective

- *Secular attitudes to death.*
- *Secular drama.*

- *There is evidence that the slump is not cyclical but secular.*
- *Secular architecture.*
- *Secular buildings.*



## Associations of "Secular" (30 Words)

<b>affair</b>	A vaguely specified concern. <i>His time was spent in winding up his <b>affairs</b>.</i>
<b>auricular</b>	Relating to the ear or hearing. <i>The Catholic doctrine of the necessity of private <b>auricular</b> confession.</i>
<b><u>blasphemous</u></b>	Characterized by profanity or cursing. <i>Foul mouthed and <b>blasphemous</b>.</i>
<b>common</b>	Common sense. <i>The <b>common</b> man.</i>
<b>debauch</b>	Seduce (a woman). <i>He <b>debauches</b> the doctor's teenage daughter.</i>

<b><u>desecrate</u></b>	Spoil (something which is valued or respected). <i>More than 300 graves were <b>desecrated</b>.</i>
<b>diehard</b>	A person who strongly opposes change or who continues to support something in spite of opposition. <i>My stepfather was a <b>diehard</b> Republican.</i>
<b><u>earthly</u></b>	Relating to humankind's material existence as distinct from a spiritual or heavenly one. <i>Our <b>earthly</b> home.</i>
<b><u>general</u></b>	A high rank of officer in the army and in the US air force above lieutenant general and below field marshal general of the army or general of the air force. <i>He discussed the <b>general</b> but neglected the particular.</i>
<b>illiterate</b>	A person who is unable to read or write. <i>He is musically <b>illiterate</b>.</i>
<b>impious</b>	(of a person or act) wicked. <i><b>Impious</b> toward one's parents.</i>
<b><u>irreverent</u></b>	Not revering god. <i>A certain <b>irreverent</b> gaiety and ease of manner.</i>
<b>layman</b>	A person without professional or specialized knowledge in a particular subject. <i>The book seems well suited to the interested <b>layman</b>.</i>
<b>layperson</b>	A person without professional or specialized knowledge in a particular subject. <i>His highly successful lectures were meant for an audience of <b>laypersons</b> interested in the natural sciences.</i>
<b>materialistic</b>	Excessively concerned with material possessions; money-oriented. <i>We're living in a highly <b>materialistic</b> society.</i>
<b><u>mundane</u></b>	Lacking interest or excitement; dull. <i><b>Mundane</b> affairs.</i>
<b>ordinary</b>	A judge who exercises authority by virtue of office and not by deputation. <i>Their clichés were vested with enough emotion to elevate them above the <b>ordinary</b>.</i>
<b><u>profane</u></b>	Not relating to that which is sacred or religious; secular. <i><b>Profane</b> utterances against the Church.</i>
<b>ransack</b>	Search thoroughly. <i>Burglars <b>ransacked</b> her home.</i>
<b>sacrilegious</b>	Grossly irreverent toward what is held to be sacred. <i>A <b>sacrilegious</b> act.</i>

<b><u>seduction</u></b>	An act of winning the love or sexual favor of someone. <i>She was planning a <b>seduction</b>.</i>
<b><u>temporal</u></b>	Characteristic of or devoted to the temporal world as opposed to the spiritual world. <i>Our <b>temporal</b> existence.</i>
<b><u>temptation</u></b>	The tempting of Jesus by the Devil (see Matt. 4). <i>We almost gave in to <b>temptation</b>.</i>
<b><u>terrestrial</u></b>	An inhabitant of the earth. <i>Increased ultraviolet radiation may disrupt <b>terrestrial</b> ecosystems.</i>
<b>ungodly</b>	Unreasonably early or inconvenient. <i><b>Ungodly</b> acts.</i>
<b><u>universal</u></b>	A universal grammatical rule or linguistic feature. <i>The play opened to <b>universal</b> acclaim.</i>
<b><u>unremarkable</u></b>	Found in the ordinary course of events. <i>His early childhood was <b>unremarkable</b>.</i>
<b>world</b>	A particular group of living things. <i>Parents are not viewed as the primary educators of their own children either in the <b>world</b> or in the Church.</i>
<b><u>worldly</u></b>	Very sophisticated especially because of surfeit; versed in the ways of the world. <i>The benefits of his <b>worldly</b> wisdom.</i>
<b><u>worldwide</u></b>	Of worldwide scope or applicability. <i><b>Worldwide</b> distribution.</i>



