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.

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## 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.

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## 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)

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

affair
auricular
blasphemous
common
debauch

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

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


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



