

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)

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

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

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

