



universal adjective

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Definition of *universal* (Entry 1 of 2)

- 1 : including or covering all or a whole collectively or distributively without limit or exception
especially : available equitably to all members of a society
// universal health coverage
- 2
 - a : present or occurring everywhere
 - b : existent or operative everywhere or under all conditions
// universal cultural patterns
- 3
 - a : embracing a major part or the greatest portion (as of humankind)
// a universal state
// universal practices
 - b : comprehensively broad and versatile
// a universal genius
- 4
 - a : affirming or denying something of all members of a class or of all values of a variable
 - b : denoting every member of a class
// a universal term
- 5 : adapted or adjustable to meet varied requirements (as of use, shape, or size)
// a universal gear cutter
// a universal remote control

universal noun

Definition of *universal* (Entry 2 of 2)

- 1 : one that is universal: such as
 - a : a universal proposition in logic
 - b : a predicable of traditional logic
 - c : a general concept or term or something in reality to which it corresponds : [ESSENCE](#)
- 2
 - a : a behavior pattern or institution (such as the family) existing in all cultures
 - b : a culture trait characteristic of all normal adult members of a particular society

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Synonyms for *universal*

Synonyms: Adjective

[adaptable](#), [all-around](#) (*also* [all-round](#)), [protean](#), [versatile](#)

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Adjective

// an idea with *universal* appeal

// a pattern that is *universal* across all cultures

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// This school year in particular marks 10 years since the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, which prompted *universal* background checks and expanded the state's assault weapons ban.

— Stephen Underwood, *Hartford Courant*, 26 July 2022

// Schumer could have once again forced Republicans to vote against *universal* background checks or an assault weapons ban.

— David R. Jones, *The Conversation*, 7 July 2022

// Its *universal* healthcare system also means that research subjects would never be refused follow-up care if something went awry.

— Melissa Healy, *Los Angeles Times*, 30 June 2022

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Kids Definition of *universal*

- 1 : including, covering, or taking in all or everything
// *universal* medical care
- 2 : present or happening everywhere
// *universal* celebration

Other Words from *universal*

universally *adverb*

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Legal Definition of *universal*

- 1 *in the civil law of Louisiana*
 - a : encompassing or burdening all of one's property especially *causa mortis*
// granted him a *universal* usufruct
— see also [UNIVERSAL LEGACY](#) at [LEGACY](#)
— compare [UNIVERSAL TITLE](#) at [TITLE](#)
 - b : of or relating to a universal conveyance or a conveyance under a universal title
// a *universal* donee
— see also [UNIVERSAL SUCCESSOR](#)
- 2 : not confined by limitations or exceptions : general in application

Other Words from *universal*

universally *adverb*



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