

Uddannelsesvejledning i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Suriname. I just finished primary school in Denmark and am now considering what my next step should be. I'm fluent in danish.

What educational path would you recommend for me?

Thanks for sharing that—it's great that you're thinking about your next step already. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark and you're 16, you're likely looking at what to do for *ungdomsuddannelse* (upper secondary education). In Denmark, there are a few main paths you can take after primary school, and your choice depends on your interests, strengths, and career goals. Here's a breakdown to help you decide:

◆ 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These prepare you for university. There are a few types:

STX (Almen studentereksamen)

- Focus: Broad academic subjects (science, social science, humanities)
- Best if: You like general subjects and might want to go to university.

HXX (Højere handelseksamen)

- Focus: Business, economics, and languages
- Best if: You're interested in business, trade, or entrepreneurship.

HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)

- Focus: Science, technology, and innovation
- Best if: You enjoy tech, engineering, or science-related subjects.

HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)

- Focus: Shorter and more direct (2 years)
- Best if: You want a shorter route to further education or you're not sure about a long study program.

◆ 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

- Focus: Learn a specific trade (e.g., carpenter, electrician, chef, hairdresser)
- You split time between school and working as an apprentice.
- Best if: You prefer practical work over academic, and want to start earning earlier.

You can also combine this with a student exam via **EUX**, which gives you both a vocational education and a general upper secondary exam. It keeps university doors open while giving you practical skills.

◆ 3. International Options

Some international schools or programs (e.g., IB – International Baccalaureate) are available in Denmark.

- Best if: You want a global education or might study abroad in the future.
- Requires strong English skills and interest in international perspectives.

◆ Things to Think About

- **Do you enjoy school and academic subjects?** → Go for STX, HHX, or HTX.
- **Do you like working with your hands or learning by doing?** → Look at EUD or EUX.
- **Are you entrepreneurial or curious about business?** → HHX or EUX with a business trade.
- **Are you unsure?** → Consider STX or HF to keep your options open.

◆ My Recommendation (based on what you've told me)

Since you're fluent in Danish and have completed primary school, you have all the standard options open to you. If you:

- Like learning and are curious about many topics → **STX** is the most flexible.
- Like practical things but still want a chance at university → **EUX** is a powerful hybrid.
- Are interested in international perspectives or languages → **HHX** or **IB** could be great.

If you tell me a bit more about what you enjoy (e.g., your favorite subjects, what you like doing in your free time, what kind of jobs you could imagine doing), I can give you a more personal recommendation.