

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from El Salvador. 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?

Thank you for sharing a bit about your situation — that helps a lot. Since you're 16, just finished primary school in Denmark (I assume you mean *folkeskole*), and you're fluent in Danish, you have several solid options ahead of you. Let's walk through them carefully, based on your interests and situation:

The 3 main paths after primary school in Denmark:

1 Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for university studies.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – Broad academic education with a mix of science, humanities, social sciences, languages.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, international trade.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on technology, natural sciences, IT, engineering.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** – 2-year alternative for students who may want a slightly more practical/general upper secondary program.

✓ **Good if you want to keep university options open.**

2 Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - VET)

If you prefer to learn a trade or practical skill while working.

- Programs to become e.g. carpenter, electrician, chef, hairdresser, IT-supporter, etc.
- Usually 2-4 years, combination of school and apprenticeship.
- Denmark has a very strong system for this.

✓ **Good if you like practical work and want to enter the workforce fairly quickly.**

3 Kombinationsuddannelser (Combined programs like EUX)

- EUX combines both vocational education and general upper secondary.
- You get both practical skills and a studentereksamen.
- Allows you to both work in a trade or study at university later.

✓ **Good if you're not sure yet — it keeps your options open.**

Things to consider:

- **What are your interests?** (science, business, languages, hands-on work, technology, etc.)
- **How much do you enjoy studying?**
- **Do you want to go to university one day?**
- **Would you like to start earning money earlier?**

My general recommendation (since you're fluent in Danish and finished folkeskole):

- If you enjoy studying and want many options:
👉 STX or EUX
- If you like practical work but want the option for higher education later:
👉 EUX
- If you want to specialize in business early:
👉 HHX
- If you're interested in technology or science:
👉 HTX
- If you want to enter a skilled trade:
👉 VET (erhvervsuddannelse)

👉 EXTRA TIP:

Since you have a Salvadoran background, strong language skills (Danish, Spanish, maybe English), you might also consider fields where that's a strength — e.g. international business, translation, diplomacy, tourism, or global trade.

If you tell me a bit more about:

- your favorite subjects
- what you enjoy doing
- your long-term dreams

...I can give you a much more tailored recommendation.

👉 Shall we go a bit deeper?

Tell me: **what do you enjoy most in school?**