

Uddannelsesvejledning for 16-årige



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Sierra Leone. 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 your background — it's great that you're thinking carefully about your next step after primary school. In Denmark, you have several solid options depending on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals. Here's a breakdown of your main educational paths, along with guidance based on different ambitions:

1. Gymnasium (STX, HHX, HTX, HF)

If you're academically strong or aiming for a university degree in the future, these are your best options.

• STX (Almen Studentereksamen):

- Broad, general academic focus (languages, science, humanities).
- Good if you're not sure what to study yet.
- Pathway to all universities.

• HHX (Højere Handelseksamen):

- Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- Ideal if you're interested in business, finance, or entrepreneurship.
- Leads to university or business-related jobs.

• HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen):

- Focus on science, technology, IT, and engineering.
- Great if you're interested in technical subjects.
- Leads to STEM university programs or technical careers.

• HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen):

- A 2-year alternative if you're a bit older or prefer a shorter academic route.
- More practical and less intense than STX.
- Good if you want to go into nursing, teaching, social work, etc.

2. Erhvervsuddannelse (EUD) – Vocational Education

If you prefer hands-on work and want to start earning earlier, this might be for you.

• You combine school with internships (praktik).



- Examples: electrician, mechanic, carpenter, social and health care (SOSU), chef, etc.
- You can still take further education later through EUX.

3. EUX - Combination of Vocational and Academic

This is a great hybrid if you want to keep your options open.

- You get both a **studentereksamen** and a **vocational qualification**.
- Takes a bit longer (4–5 years), but opens both job opportunities and university access.
- Great if you're practical but still want the option to study later.

Recommendations Based on You:

Given that:

- You're 16 (a bit older than typical for finishing primary school),
- You're fluent in Danish,
- You're in Denmark but with roots from Sierra Leone (could be helpful in diverse fields like global business, healthcare, or social work),

Here are a few paths I'd suggest considering:

- If you're academically interested and might want to go to university:
- → **STX** (if you're unsure) or **HHX** (if you're interested in business/economy).
- If you're more practical and like the idea of learning a trade:
- → **EUX** (so you don't close any doors) or **EUD** in a trade that interests you.
- If you want to help others or work in health/social care:
- → **SOSU** (via EUD) or **HF** with a focus on social/health studies.

👣 Next Steps:

- 1. **Visit educational guidance counselors (UU-vejleder)** they can help you match your interests with programs.
- 2. Consider attending an open house (Abent Hus) at a gymnasium or vocational school nearby.
- 3. **Think about your long-term dreams** Do you want to start working soon? Go to university? Travel? Be your own boss?

If you'd like, I can help you:

• Choose between specific schools or programs in your area,



- Think through your interests to narrow things down,
- Or connect your background and goals with possible careers.

Want to dive deeper into any of those?