

Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Saudi Arabia. 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! Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark and you're 16, you're at a key point in your education where your next step depends on your interests, goals, and how you like to learn. In Denmark, there are several main options after **folkeskole (primary and lower secondary school)**. Here's a breakdown with guidance tailored to your situation:

Main Education Paths After Folkeskole:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These programs prepare you for university:

- **STX** (Almen studentereksamen): Broadest option, with strong academic focus—good if you're unsure or want to keep many doors open.
- **HHX** (Higher Commercial Exam): Focuses on business, economics, and international studies—great if you like business or want to work in trade or management.
- **HTX** (Higher Technical Exam): Focuses on science, tech, and engineering—ideal if you're into STEM fields.
- **HF** (Higher Preparatory Exam): Shorter (2 years) and more flexible, good if you want to continue later but don't want 3 years of gymnasium.

✓ **Recommendation if:** You enjoy academic work, want to go to university later, or you're still exploring interests.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

These combine school and apprenticeships, preparing you for a skilled job directly:

- Examples: electrician, mechanic, healthcare assistant, chef, carpenter, etc.
- You earn a salary during the practical part.
- You can continue to higher education later (via EUX or other paths).

✓ **Recommendation if:** You prefer hands-on work, want to start earning sooner, or know a trade you're passionate about.

3. EUX – The Hybrid Path

- Combines vocational training **and** a general upper secondary qualification.
- Takes longer but gives both practical skills and the chance to go to university later.

✅ **Recommendation if:** You're ambitious and want both options—work in a trade **or** go to university later.

Your Specific Situation:

Being fluent in Danish and born in Denmark, you have full access to the same opportunities as everyone else here. If you also speak Arabic, that's a big plus—especially in international business, translation, or diplomacy.

Here are some **questions to help you choose:**

- Do you like studying theory, reading, and writing? → Consider **STX**, **HHX**, or **HTX**.
- Are you more practical, good with your hands, or want to work right away? → Consider **EUD** or **EUX**.
- Interested in starting your own business someday? → **HHX** or **EUX** with business focus.
- Love science, programming, or tech? → **HTX** or a tech-oriented **EUX**.
- Want to keep options open without committing too hard yet? → **STX** or **HF**.

Suggested Next Steps:

1. **Attend open houses (Åbent Hus)** at local schools.
2. **Talk to a UU-vejleder (youth guidance counselor)**—they're trained to help students exactly in your situation.
3. Explore what subjects and jobs interest you most using tools like [UG.dk](https://ug.dk).

If you tell me more about your interests—like what subjects you like, if you want to work soon, if university is your goal—I can give more personalized advice!