

# ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Gambia. 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 about your next step after finishing primary school. In Denmark, after completing *Folkeskole* (typically around 9th or 10th grade), you have several paths you can choose from depending on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals. Here's a breakdown of your main options, along with some guidance:

## 🎓 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

If you're interested in continuing to higher education (like university), this is usually the recommended path.

There are four types:

- **STX** (Alment gymnasium): Broad academic education with focus on humanities, sciences, and social studies.
- **HHX** (Higher Commercial Examination Programme): Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX** (Higher Technical Examination Programme): Focus on science, technology, and innovation.
- **HF** (Higher Preparatory Examination): Shorter, 2-year program often used as a stepping-stone to specific university programs.

● **Recommended if** you enjoy academic subjects and think you might want to go to university or a professional bachelor program in the future.

## 🔧 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

If you prefer hands-on learning or want to get into a job quickly, this might be a great fit.

There are many areas:

- Healthcare (e.g., SOSU)
- Crafts and construction (carpentry, electrician, etc.)
- IT and technology
- Business and retail

You often alternate between school and apprenticeships (*praktik*) in a real company.

● **Recommended if** you want to learn a trade or get into the workforce within a few years. You can also build on it later with more education (e.g., *EUX*, vocational + general education).

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## **EUX – The Hybrid Option**

EUX combines vocational training with general education, so you can both work in a trade and go to university later if you want.

● **Recommended if** you like practical learning but also want to keep your options open for higher education.

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## **What to Think About**

Ask yourself:

- Do I like studying theory, or prefer doing things with my hands?
  - What subjects do I enjoy the most?
  - Do I want to work right after school, or continue studying?
  - Do I have a dream job or area I'm curious about (e.g., health, tech, business)?
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## **Advice Based on Your Background**

You're fluent in Danish, born and raised in Denmark, and finishing *Folkeskole* at 16 — you're well-positioned to choose any path you like.

If you're unsure:

- Consider taking a **10th grade** year (if you haven't yet) to explore your options.
  - Talk to a **UU-vejleder** (educational guidance counselor).
  - Try a **brobygning** or **praktikforløb** (bridge course or internship) to get a feel for different educations.
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## **Final Tip**

You don't have to decide everything now. Many people switch paths later — what's important is to pick something you're curious about or motivated by. Education in Denmark is very flexible, so your first choice doesn't lock you in forever.

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Would you like a quiz-style set of questions to help narrow it down based on your interests? Or are there subjects or careers you're already thinking about?