

# Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



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

That's a great question—and an important decision. Since you're 16, fluent in Danish, and have just completed primary school in Denmark, you're likely at the point of choosing between different upper secondary education options ("ungdomsuddannelser"). The right path depends on your interests, strengths, and future goals. Here's a breakdown of your main options in Denmark:

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

These prepare you for higher education (like university).

### Options:

- **STX** (Almen studentereksamen): Focus on general academic subjects (languages, sciences, history, etc.).
- **HHX** (Højere handelseksamen): Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX** (Højere teknisk eksamen): Focus on science, technology, and engineering.
- **HF** (Højere forberedelseseksamen): A 2-year alternative to STX, often chosen by more mature students or those who want a shorter route to higher education.

### Choose this if:

- You're interested in university or other higher education.
- You like academic subjects and want a broad foundation.
- You're still figuring out what to do and want to keep your options open.

## 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

These prepare you for a specific job or trade and often combine school with paid apprenticeships.

### Examples:

- Electrician, mechanic, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, IT supporter, healthcare worker, etc.

### Choose this if:

- You prefer hands-on learning.

- You want to start working sooner (often with good job security).
  - You're interested in a specific trade or profession.
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### **My advice based on your situation:**

- **If you're academically inclined and curious about university:** Choose **STX**, **HTX**, or **HHX**, depending on what subjects interest you most.
  - **If you enjoy working with your hands or want a more direct route to a job:** Consider a **vocational education (EUD)**—you can always pursue further education later.
  - **If you're unsure:** STX or HF can give you a broad base while you figure out your path.
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### **Bonus ideas:**

- **Talk to your school counselor:** They can help you explore your strengths and interests.
  - **Look into 10th grade ("10. klasse")** if you feel you need more time to decide or improve certain subjects.
  - **Check out intro programs ("brobygning" or "praktik")** at local schools to get a taste of different paths.
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If you want, I can help you reflect on your interests or create a comparison chart based on what you enjoy and your long-term goals. Would that help?