

# Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Malta. 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 that! Since you're 16, fluent in Danish, and just finished **primary school** in Denmark, you're likely referring to having completed **folkeskole** (which usually ends around 9th or 10th grade). From here, Denmark offers a few main educational paths. What's best for you depends on your **interests**, **skills**, and **future goals**. Here's a breakdown:

## 1. Gymnasium (General Upper Secondary Education)

### Ideal if:

- You enjoy academic subjects.
- You might want to go to university later.
- You're still exploring your interests.

### Options:

- **STX** (Studentereksamen): Broad academic focus (languages, science, humanities).
- **HHX** (Higher Commercial Exam): Focus on business, economics, marketing.
- **HTX** (Higher Technical Exam): Focus on science, technology, engineering.
- **HF** (Higher Preparatory Exam): Shorter (2 years), more flexible, often for those who need a different route to university.

## 2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education & Training - EUD)

### Ideal if:

- You prefer hands-on learning.
- You want to work in a trade or start working sooner.

### Examples:

- Electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, chef, healthcare worker.
- Includes school time and apprenticeship (praktik).

You can later **combine it with EUX**, which gives both a vocational qualification **and** access to university studies.

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### 3. International options or studies abroad

You could consider:

- International Baccalaureate (IB): Offered at some Danish schools, all in English.
  - Studying part of your education in Malta or another EU country (Denmark supports some mobility through Erasmus+).
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### Things to Consider:

- What subjects excite you the most? (e.g., science, business, art, languages)
  - Do you prefer **theory** or **practical** learning?
  - Are you interested in working soon or continuing to higher education?
  - Would you consider eventually studying or working in Malta or internationally?
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### Recommended Next Step:

Since you're fluent in Danish and just finished primary school, I recommend you:

1. **Talk to a vejleder (educational counselor)** at your school or UU-vejledning.
  2. Visit **educational fairs** or **open houses** at gymnasiums and vocational schools.
  3. Try a **“brobygning”** (bridge-building course) to test out a few educational tracks before deciding.
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If you tell me what subjects or careers interest you right now, I can help you narrow it down even more!