

Uddannelsesvejledning for 16-årig



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Rwanda. 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 — it sounds like you're at a really important decision point. Since you've just finished **primary school in Denmark** and are **16 years old**, you're likely at the end of **9th or 10th grade**. In Denmark, the next steps after this typically include several paths, and the best one depends on your **interests, strengths, and goals**.

Here's a breakdown of the most common educational paths and some tailored advice:



1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic paths that prepare you for higher education (university).

Types:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – General education; broad range of subjects including science, languages, social studies.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on technology, science, and IT.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen)** – Shorter (2-year) academic path, often more practical and for students who might not want the 3-year route.



Recommended if:

- You enjoy academic subjects.
- You're interested in university studies later.
- You're not sure exactly what to do yet and want to keep your options open.



2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

These programs combine school and apprenticeship. You learn a trade and often work part-time in a company.

Examples:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Hairdresser

- Social and Health Care Worker (SOSU)
- IT-supporter

✓ Recommended if:

- You prefer hands-on learning and working in the real world.
- You want to get a job faster (after 2–4 years).
- You're interested in a skilled trade or practical career.

3. Kombinationsuddannelser (EUX)

This is a mix of vocational training **and** academic subjects. It allows you to get both a trade and access to higher education later.

✓ Recommended if:

- You want a trade but also want to keep the door open for university.
- You're willing to work hard — this path is demanding.

Personal Advice for You

Since you:

- Are fluent in Danish,
- Were raised in a multicultural background (which is a strength),
- Are just finishing primary school (likely 9th or 10th grade),
- May not yet know your exact interests,

...I recommend the following approach:

✓ Option 1: Go for STX or HHX

- **STX** is ideal if you're interested in a broad academic path, languages, science, or humanities.
- **HHX** is a strong choice if you're interested in business, trade, or economics — and it's especially useful if you want to do something international or entrepreneurial in the future.

This keeps your options wide open and gives you 3 years to explore your interests more deeply.

✓ Option 2: If you like working practically, consider EUX

- For example, **EUX Business** or **EUX Tech** allows you to get a trade **and** the option to go to university later.
- It's a great way to prepare for both work and future studies.

Next Step:

- Visit a **Uddannelsesvejleder (educational guidance counselor)** at your school or local youth education center.
 - They can help you explore your interests, visit schools, or even do short **praktik (internships)** to try out different fields.
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If you'd like, I can help you:

- Reflect on your interests and strengths,
- Explore career ideas,
- Or look at specific schools near where you live.

Would you like help with any of that?