

# Uddannelsesvalg i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Uruguay. 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's great that you're thinking ahead about your future. Since you just finished **primary school (folkeskole)** in Denmark, you're likely looking at your **youth education (ungdomsuddannelse)** options next. Here's a clear overview of your main paths, depending on your interests, strengths, and goals:

## 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – Academic Path)

These programs prepare you for **university or higher education** later on.

### A) STX (Studentereksamen)

- **Focus:** Broad academic subjects — humanities, social sciences, natural sciences.
- **Best if:** You're curious about many topics or unsure what you want to study later.

### B) HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- **Focus:** Business, economics, marketing, international trade.
- **Best if:** You're interested in business, finance, or international relations.

### C) HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- **Focus:** Technology, science, engineering, IT.
- **Best if:** You enjoy tech, science, or want a technical university degree.

### D) HF (Higher Preparatory Exam)

- **Focus:** Shorter (2 years), more flexible.
- **Best if:** You prefer a more practical and focused route to higher education, or didn't get the best grades but still want academic options.

## 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – Practical Path)

This combines school and apprenticeship. You get a **real job qualification** (e.g. carpenter, hairdresser, chef, mechanic, etc.).

- **Best if:** You enjoy hands-on work, want to earn money while you learn, and would prefer to get into the job market sooner.
- **Bonus:** Some vocational paths also give access to further education later (e.g. erhvervsakademi or professional bachelor).

## How to Choose?

Ask yourself these:

### 1. Do I want to go to university later?

- Yes → Consider **STX**, **HTX**, **HHX**, or **HF**.
- No or not sure → Consider **Vocational education** or **HF** (which keeps doors open).

### 2. What subjects do I enjoy the most?

- Science/tech → **HTX**
- Languages, culture, society → **STX**
- Business → **HHX**
- Arts or unsure → **STX** or **HF**

### 3. Do I like theory or practice more?

- Theory → Gymnasiale uddannelser
- Practice → Vocational education

## ✨ Bonus Tip: Your Background

Being bilingual with Danish and Spanish (assuming you speak it) is a strength. It could open up future paths in:

- International business (HHX)
- Translation, diplomacy, or education (STX)
- Tourism or hospitality (vocational)

## ✅ My General Suggestion:

If you're **unsure but open to university later**, and you have decent grades, **STX** is a flexible and respected choice.

But if you're more practical, enjoy working hands-on, and want to earn earlier, a **vocational education** can be a strong and smart option too — Denmark values skilled workers highly.

Want help finding local schools or programs near you, or narrowing it down based on your interests? Just let me know!