

# Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Saudi Arabia. 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 a bit about yourself — you're at an important moment in life, and it's great that you're thinking carefully about your future. Since you just finished **primary school** in Denmark and you're **16 years old**, you're likely at the stage where you're choosing between different **youth education programs** (ungdomsuddannelser).

Here are your main options in Denmark, along with some advice based on different interests and goals:

## 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are more academically oriented and typically last 3 years. They prepare you for higher education (like university). There are different types:

- **STX (Alment Gymnasium)** – Focuses on general academic subjects like humanities, science, and social sciences. A good choice if you're still figuring out what you want to do or you're interested in university later.
- **HTX (Teknisk Gymnasium)** – Focuses on science, technology, and innovation. Great if you're into things like IT, engineering, or natural sciences.
- **HHX (Handelsgymnasium)** – Focuses on business, economics, and international relations. Ideal if you're interested in starting a business, finance, or working internationally.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)** – A shorter 2-year program that's also academic but more practical. Often chosen by slightly older students or those wanting a faster route to further education.

● **Recommended if:** You enjoy studying, want to keep your options open, and might want to attend university in the future.

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


These are more practical and prepare you directly for a job. You combine school with internships in real workplaces.

Examples include:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Hairdresser

- IT technician
- Chef
- Health care assistant

You can also choose an **EUX** path, which combines vocational training with a gymnasial-level education. This means you can both get a job *and* go to university afterward.

 **Recommended if:** You want to learn a trade, like hands-on work, and want to start earning money earlier.

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## Other Things to Consider

- **Your Interests:** What subjects do you enjoy? What kind of work excites you?
  - **Your Long-Term Goals:** Do you want to go to university? Start working soon? Start your own business?
  - **Your Strengths:** Are you more academic or practical in your approach to learning?
  - **Cultural Connections:** Being of Saudi heritage and fluent in Danish could open unique opportunities in international business, translation, or diplomacy.
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## Practical Step You Can Take Now:

1. **Talk to a UU-vejleder** (Youth Guidance Counselor) – They can give tailored advice based on your background, interests, and grades.
  2. **Visit open house events** at local gymnasiums or vocational schools.
  3. **Try short internships (praktik)** to explore what working in different fields feels like.
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## Final Advice

If you're unsure what to choose and you like studying, **starting with a general STX or HTX** is often a safe bet. You'll keep many doors open and get time to figure things out. If you're more practical and want to earn earlier, **EUX** is a powerful hybrid path that many students don't realize is an option.

Would you like help comparing specific schools or programs near where you live in Denmark?