

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Gambia. 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 — it's great that you're thinking seriously about your future at this point. Since you're 16, just finished primary school in Denmark (which typically includes **Folkeskole** up to 9th or 10th grade), and you're fluent in Danish, you have several good educational paths ahead of you.

Here are the most common options in Denmark, with suggestions tailored to different interests and strengths:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for university.

► STX (Studentereksamen)

- **Best for:** General academic interests (humanities, social sciences, natural sciences).
- **Duration:** 3 years
- **Good if you:** Want a wide range of subjects and keep doors open for university.

► HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- **Best for:** Business, economics, marketing.
- **Duration:** 3 years
- **Good if you:** Like business and may want to work in finance, management, or start a company.

► HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- **Best for:** Technology, science, and engineering.
- **Duration:** 3 years
- **Good if you:** Enjoy math, physics, biology, or tech.

► HF (Higher Preparatory Exam)

- **Best for:** Shorter and more flexible academic path.
- **Duration:** 2 years

- **Good if you:** Prefer a quicker route to higher education or didn't do 10th grade.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD/EUX)

These are more practical and career-focused.

► EUD (Vocational education)

- **Best for:** Learning a trade and starting work quickly.
- **Examples:** Electrician, carpenter, mechanic, hairdresser, chef.
- **Duration:** 3–4 years (includes apprenticeships).

► EUX (Vocational + Academic)

- **Best for:** Combining a trade with the ability to go to university later.
- **You get:** Both a vocational qualification and a study diploma (like gymnasial).
- **Good if you:** Want both hands-on skills **and** the option to continue in higher education.

How to Choose?

Here are some guiding questions:

Question	Suggestion
Do you enjoy school and academic subjects?	Consider STX, HHX, or HTX
Do you prefer practical, hands-on work?	Consider EUD or EUD
Do you want to start earning money sooner?	EUD or EUD (apprenticeships pay a small salary)
Are you interested in business or starting your own company someday?	HHX or EUD Business Track
Are you unsure what you want yet?	STX gives the broadest options for future choices

Final Thoughts

As someone born in Denmark with Gambian roots, you're part of a generation that brings rich cultural diversity and potential. Denmark offers **equal access to education** no matter your background — but it's always good to be proactive and seek support when needed (e.g. through a **Studievejleder** or guidance counselor at your school).

You may also be eligible for **SU (Statens Uddannelsesstøtte)** later on, depending on your chosen path and age — important if you plan for university later.

If you tell me more about:

- what subjects you like/dislike,
- whether you want to go to university or work sooner,
- any dreams (like owning a business, working with technology, helping people),

...then I can give you more specific guidance!

Would you like that?