

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Ecuador. 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?

Thank you for sharing — you're actually in a very good position with multiple opportunities ahead. Since you're 16, finished Danish primary school, and fluent in Danish, you're at the typical age where many Danish students choose between several different educational paths. Let's go through some realistic options based on your situation:

1 Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are the most common next steps if you're thinking of university later on. A few options:

- **STX (Almen Studentereksamen)**
General upper secondary education. Broad academic subjects like languages, sciences, social studies, etc.
→ Good if you're not 100% sure yet and want to keep many doors open.
- **HHX (Handelsskolens Studentereksamen)**
Focus on business, economics, languages, and international topics.
→ Good if you're interested in international business, trade, or economics.
- **HTX (Teknisk Studentereksamen)**
Focus on technology, science, IT, and engineering.
→ Good if you're interested in science, technology or engineering fields.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen)**
Shorter (2 years), more practical and targeted.
→ Good if you prefer a more applied education and want faster access to professional education afterwards.

2 Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

If you're more hands-on and want to enter the job market faster:

- Programs such as electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, IT-supporter, healthcare assistant, chef, etc.
- You usually combine school with apprenticeship (praktikplads).
- Can lead to solid careers or further education (for example via EUX).

3 EUX (Combined Vocational + Academic)

- Combines vocational training with an academic exam.
 - Allows you to both learn a trade and qualify for higher education.
 - Example: You become a skilled electrician, but can also later study engineering if you want.
-

International opportunities

Given your Ecuadorian background, you could also:

- Study languages further (Spanish, international business, diplomacy).
 - Consider exchange programs or international studies.
 - Explore opportunities where you combine Danish, Spanish and English — you're trilingual, which is a major advantage in today's world.
-

My personal recommendation (based on your age, background and being open):

- **If you are unsure:** STX is a safe bet, keeps all doors open.
 - **If you like business and languages:** HHX could fit very well.
 - **If you enjoy practical work and want job experience soon:** EUD or EUX could be excellent.
 - **If you are more technical/scientific:** HTX might be perfect.
-

Question for you, to help me refine my recommendation even more:

- Do you already have some interests (business, technology, health, languages, etc)?
 - Do you prefer more academic or practical learning?
 - Do you dream of studying at university one day or starting a career earlier?
-

If you answer these, I can give you a very specific plan. Shall we? 😊