

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Samoa. 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've just finished primary school in Denmark and are fluent in Danish, you have several good options for your next educational step, depending on your interests, strengths, and career goals. Here's a breakdown of the main educational paths available in Denmark after primary school:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

If you're academically inclined and possibly thinking about university in the future, this is a solid route.

Options:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** Broad and academic. Includes humanities, sciences, and social sciences.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen):** Focuses on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen):** Focuses on technology and natural sciences.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen):** A 2-year program, more practice-oriented and flexible.

Good if you:

- Want to keep university options open
- Enjoy school subjects and theoretical learning
- Want to explore broad academic areas before specializing

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

This combines school and apprenticeship. You'll learn a trade and get work experience.

Examples:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Chef
- Hairdresser

- Health care assistant (SOSU)

Good if you:

- Prefer hands-on learning
- Want to work sooner
- Are interested in specific professions or trades

3. EUX (Vocational + Academic Combined Path)

A combination of vocational education and general upper secondary education.

Good if you:

- Want both practical skills and the option to go to university later
- Like a challenge
- Aren't sure whether to go vocational or academic

Special Programs or Help for Minority Backgrounds

Being of Samoan descent might give you access to support programs that help young people from diverse backgrounds succeed — in mentorship, tutoring, or career guidance. Check if your kommune or school has any offers.

So, what should you consider?

Ask yourself:

- Do I like learning in a classroom, or do I prefer doing practical work?
- Do I want to go to university later?
- What subjects or jobs interest me?
- Am I ready to spend more years in school, or do I want to start working sooner?

If you're still unsure...

You could:

- Talk to a *UU-vejleder* (educational and career guidance counselor). They're free and used to helping students figure this out.
- Try a **brobygning** or **praktik** (intro week or internship) in different programs.
- Visit schools and open houses (åbent hus) to get a feel for the environment.

Would you like me to suggest some specific career ideas based on your interests or strengths? Or help you compare STX vs. EUD in more detail?