

# Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Ukraine. 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 your background—it's great that you're already fluent in Danish and have recently finished primary school in Denmark. At 16, you're at a key point where your next step can help shape both your personal and professional future. Here's a breakdown of your options in Denmark, along with some guidance based on your situation:

## 🎓 Main Educational Paths in Denmark After Primary School

After completing **Folkeskolen** (primary and lower secondary education), students typically choose between these main paths:

### 1. General Upper Secondary Education (Gymnasiale Uddannelser)

These are academically focused and prepare you for university.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** Broad academic focus (humanities, sciences, languages). Great if you're unsure or want to keep your options open.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen):** Focus on business, economics, and marketing.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen):** Focus on technology and natural sciences.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen):** Shorter, more practical academic path (2 years). Suitable if you're a bit older or prefer more applied learning.

#### ✅ Good fit if:

- You enjoy academic subjects.
- You're considering university later.
- You want to explore broad topics before specializing.

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

This path combines school with hands-on training in a company (apprenticeship). Lasts 3-5 years.

- Examples: Electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, IT-supporter, social care assistant, chef, etc.
- Leads directly to a job, but can also give access to certain higher education options.

### ✓ Good fit if:

- You prefer practical, hands-on work.
  - You want to start earning earlier.
  - You're interested in trades, crafts, or specific professions.
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## 3. Combined Youth Education (FGU - Forberedende Grunduddannelse)

This is for those who need more time to be ready for further education or training (e.g., to strengthen Danish or other skills).

### ✓ Good fit if:

- You're unsure of your path.
  - You want a second chance at deciding or improving grades/skills.
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## 🕒 How to Choose? Ask Yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic work (reading, writing, theory)?
  - Am I curious about science, society, business, or technology?
  - Would I rather be hands-on, building or creating things?
  - Do I want to go to university, or start working sooner?
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## 🧠 My Suggestion (Based on What You've Shared)

Since:

- You're fluent in Danish,
- You've completed primary school in Denmark,
- You come from a multicultural background (Danish-Ukrainian),
- You're at a decision point now,

I'd suggest starting with **STX** or **HTX** *if you like academic work and want to keep your university options open*. If you're more practical and want to start a profession sooner, a **vocational education** (EUD) could be a strong path—especially if you're drawn to technology, service industries, or skilled trades.

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## 💡 Bonus Tip:

If you have strong bilingual skills (e.g., Danish, Ukrainian, maybe even Russian or English), you could consider areas where languages, international understanding, or cultural knowledge are valuable—like diplomacy, translation, international business, or education.

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If you tell me more about your interests (e.g., favorite subjects, hobbies, what you're curious about), I can help you make an even more tailored plan.

