

Uddannelsesvalg i Danmark



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

That's a great point in life to reflect and plan your next steps — and being bilingual with roots in two cultures can be a big asset. Since you're 16 and have just finished primary school (which in Denmark usually ends after 9th or 10th grade), you're now looking at **youth education** options, also known as *ungdomsuddannelser*. You typically have three main paths to choose from:

• 1. General Upper Secondary Education (Gymnasiale uddannelser)

These are academic programs that prepare you for higher education at university. Ideal if you enjoy theoretical learning and want to keep your options open.

Options:

- STX (Almen studentereksamen) broad focus: science, social studies, languages, arts.
- HHX (Højere handelseksamen) business, economics, and international trade.
- HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen) tech, science, innovation.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** shorter (2 years), more practical, for people who may have had challenges in regular school but still want university access.

Recommended if:

You're academically inclined or unsure what you want later – these keep many doors open, especially STX and HHX.

2. Vocational Education and Training (EUD)

This combines school with paid internships (praktik) and leads to a trade or craft qualification.

Fields include:

- Health care, child care, and social care
- Mechanics and technology
- IT and media
- Hospitality, cooking
- Construction



Business/retail

Usually takes 3-5 years depending on the program.

Recommended if:

You want to start working sooner, like hands-on learning, and are interested in a specific trade or profession.

3. Combined Vocational and Higher Education Preparation (EUX)

This is a mix of EUD and gymnasium – lets you learn a trade and also qualify for university later.

Recommended if:

You want the best of both worlds — practical skills + academic qualifications — but are ready to take on a heavier workload.

What to Ask Yourself:

- Do I enjoy studying theory, or working with my hands?
- What are my interests? (e.g., tech, healthcare, business, design?)
- Do I want to go to university?
- Would I like to start earning money during my education?
- Do I want to work in Denmark, Hungary, or internationally later?

Extra Tip:

You can talk to an **educational and career guidance counselor** (*UU-vejleder*) at your local municipality. They can help you figure out what suits your skills, interests, and future plans.

If you tell me more about your interests or what you're good at (e.g., subjects you like, hobbies, goals), I can give a more personalized recommendation.