

Uddannelsesvejledning for 16-årige



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Burkina Faso. 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 really exciting position right now. Since you've finished primary school in Denmark (I assume you mean *folkeskole*), your next steps typically depend on a few things: your interests, your strengths, and your long-term goals. Since you're 16, you're a bit older than most finishing 9th grade, but that's not a problem — everyone has their own timeline.

Let me walk you through the main options you have in Denmark, and then I'll suggest a few recommendations depending on what kind of person you are:

1 Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education / High School options)

This is the most common next step if you're aiming for university later:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):**
Very broad. You get general subjects like languages, social science, natural science, etc. Good if you're not yet sure what you want.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen):**
Business-oriented. Focus on economics, business, international relations, marketing. A good choice if you're interested in business or entrepreneurship.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen):**
Technical and scientific subjects. Good if you're into IT, engineering, science, or technology.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseeksamen):**
Shorter (2 years). More practical, easier access if you're not 100% sure or want to get to further education faster.

2 Erhvervsuddannelser (VET - Vocational Education and Training)

- You learn a specific trade or profession (electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, mechanic, healthcare worker, etc.)
- You alternate between school and paid apprenticeships.
- After finishing, you can go straight into work, or sometimes continue into higher education.

3 10. klasse (Optional extra year)

- Many young people take this as a bridge year to mature, improve grades, or figure out what they want.
- You can take 10th grade at a regular school, *efterskole*, or a special 10th grade school (*10. klassecenter*).

A few personal recommendations based on different situations:

If you are...	I suggest...
Not yet sure what to do	10. klasse or STX
Interested in business, trade, economy	HHX
Interested in science, technology, or IT	HTX
Want to start a career faster, more hands-on	Erhvervsuddannelse
Interested in healthcare, social work, or helping professions	HF or relevant vocational education
Want a mix of study and social experience	Consider <i>efterskole</i> with a program that interests you

Extra thought as a Danish citizen with Burkinabé background:

You have a really valuable combination of cultures. In Denmark, international backgrounds can actually be a huge advantage — languages, cultural understanding, and global thinking are valuable in many jobs (business, diplomacy, healthcare, education, etc.).

If you tell me a bit more about:

- What subjects you enjoy
 - What kind of work sounds interesting
 - Whether you prefer practical or academic learning
 - If you want to study at university later
- ...I can give you a much more personal recommendation.

Shall we? 😊