

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Madagascar. 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! Since you're 16, finished primary school in Denmark, and are fluent in Danish, you're likely looking at **youth education programs (ungdomsuddannelser)** now. Denmark has a strong educational system with different paths depending on your interests, strengths, and future goals. Here's a breakdown to help you decide:

Main Educational Paths After Primary School in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academically oriented and prepare you for university.

- **STX (Studentereksamen):** Broadest option – includes sciences, languages, social sciences, etc.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme):** Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme):** Focus on technology, natural sciences, and IT.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination):** Shorter (2 years), more practical/theoretical – good for adult learners or those wanting to enter health or social fields.

♦ *Choose this path if:*

You enjoy academic subjects and might want to go to university later (e.g., doctor, lawyer, engineer, teacher, etc.).

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – VET)

These combine school and paid apprenticeships – you learn a trade or profession.

- Examples: electrician, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, healthcare assistant, mechanic, etc.
- Takes 2-5 years depending on the field.

♦ *Choose this path if:*

You want to get into the workforce faster or prefer hands-on learning.

3. EUX (Combined Vocational + Academic Path)

This is a hybrid: you get a vocational education *and* a higher education entrance qualification.

♦ *Choose this path if:*

You want a profession like electrician or lab technician but also want the option to go to university later.

How to Choose?

Ask yourself:

- Do I like learning in classrooms or prefer practical, hands-on work?
 - Do I want to study at university someday?
 - What are my strengths – math, science, languages, working with people, or using my hands?
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Tips Based on Your Background

- As someone with roots in Madagascar, being multilingual or culturally aware might be a strength – consider international business, healthcare, or languages.
 - If you enjoy helping others, healthcare or social work is very strong in Denmark.
 - Denmark supports students from diverse backgrounds – don't hesitate to speak with a **school counselor (UU-vejleder)** to get personalized help.
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Suggested Next Steps

1. **Talk to your UU-vejleder** (youth education guidance counselor).
 2. **Visit educational fairs** or open houses at local gymnasier and erhvervsskoler.
 3. **Do short internships (praktik)** if you're unsure – many schools allow this before you commit.
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If you want, you can tell me more about:

- What subjects or activities you enjoy
- Any career ideas or dreams you have
- ...and I can give a more tailored suggestion!