

Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Mali. 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 great that you've just finished primary school — congratulations! Since you're 16 and fluent in Danish, you have several solid educational paths ahead of you in Denmark. The right one depends on your interests, strengths, and future goals. Here's a breakdown of your main options and what to consider:

🎓 1. Gymnasium (STX, HHX, HTX, HF)

These are upper secondary schools that prepare you for university. Here are the main types:

- **STX (Almen gymnasium):** Broad focus — science, humanities, and social sciences. Great if you're not sure what you want yet.
- **HHX (Handelsskolen):** Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Teknisk gymnasium):** Focus on science and technology — good if you like math, IT, or engineering.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen):** Shorter (2 years), more practice-oriented, often for those who didn't follow the traditional school path.

♦ Best for you if:

You like schoolwork, want to go to university later, and are still exploring your interests.

🔧 2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education - EUD)

This is a mix of school and paid internships. You train for a specific job (like electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, chef, health worker, etc.).

- Some tracks let you go to university later (via **EUX**, which combines vocational training and academic subjects).
- Very practical, hands-on, and job-focused.

♦ Best for you if:

You want to start working sooner, prefer practical learning, and already have an idea of a job or trade you're interested in.



3. EUX – Combo of Gymnasium + Vocational

This is a demanding but powerful combo: you get both a vocational qualification **and** a general upper secondary exam (like STX level). You can go straight to work or study at university.

♦ **Best for you if:**

You want both practical skills and the option to go to university, and you're ready to work hard.

How to Choose?

Ask yourself:

- Do I prefer theory or practice?
- Do I want to go to university?
- Am I already interested in a career (e.g., tech, health, business)?
- Do I want to start earning money sooner?

Example Paths Based on Interests

| Interest | Recommended Path |
|--|----------------------------|
| Science/Tech | HTX, EUX tech |
| Business | HHX, EUX business |
| Health/Social | HF or EUD in social/health |
| Hands-on work (like construction, mechanics) | EUD or EUX |
| Still unsure | STX (broadest option) |

Bonus Tip:

If you come from a minority background and feel uncertain about how to navigate the system, look for **mentorship programs** (like **Brug for alle unge**, **Headspace**, or local youth clubs**) or talk to a school counselor (**UU-vejledning**) in your area. They can help you plan.

Would you like help narrowing it down based on what you enjoy or subjects you're good at?