

# Uddannelsesvalg i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Grenada. 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 your background—that gives helpful context! Since you're 16, fluent in Danish, and just completed primary school (which likely includes 9th or 10th grade in the Danish system), your next step typically falls under **youth education ("ungdomsuddannelse")**. In Denmark, you have a few main options depending on your interests, strengths, and career goals. Here's a breakdown to help you decide:

## 🎓 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are 2–3-year academic programs that prepare you for university.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** Focuses on general academic subjects like languages, sciences, and social studies. Great if you're not sure what to study later.
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen):** Focuses on business, economics, and international trade. Good if you're interested in business or finance.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen):** Focuses on technology, science, and engineering. Good for future engineers, architects, etc.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen):** A shorter, 2-year option for students who want a more flexible path to higher education. Often good if you're more mature or want to finish sooner.

● Recommended if:

- You want to go to university.
- You enjoy academic subjects.
- You're not ready to decide on a specific job yet.

## 🔧 2. EUD / EUX (Erhvervsuddannelser – Vocational Education and Training)

This path combines school and apprenticeships. You learn a trade and get real work experience.

- **EUD (Vocational Education):** You train to become, for example, a carpenter, electrician, chef, or social worker.
- **EUX:** Combines EUD with some gymnasial subjects, so you also qualify for university later.

● Recommended if:

- You like hands-on learning.
- You want to start working sooner.
- You're interested in a trade or specific career (health, IT, hospitality, etc.).

## How to Decide?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic subjects and exams? → Try **STX**, **HHX**, or **HTX**.
- Do I want to work with my hands or learn a trade? → Try **EUD** or **EUX**.
- Do I want to keep my options open but not study for too long? → Consider **HF** or **EUX**.

## Tips

- Visit **uddannelsesguiden.dk (UG.dk)** – it's the Danish national education guide.
- Talk to an **educational counselor (UU-vejleder)** – they can give you personalized advice.
- Many schools offer **intro weeks** or **bridging programs** to help you try different options before deciding.

## Final Thoughts

Since you're bilingual, have multicultural roots, and are fluent in Danish, you're in a strong position. If you're still unsure, going to **STX or HF** keeps your options open while you explore your interests further. But if you already know you like, say, cooking, IT, or mechanics, a **vocational education (EUD/EUX)** can be a faster, more practical path to success.

Would you like help figuring out what fits your interests or strengths best? I can help you explore that too.