

# Uddannelsesvejledning for 16-årig



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Uganda. 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, born and raised in Denmark, and have just completed primary school (which usually ends at 9th or 10th grade in Denmark), your next step typically involves choosing between different upper secondary education options. Which one is best depends on your interests, strengths, and future goals.

Here's a breakdown of the main paths available to you in Denmark after primary school:

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

These prepare you for higher education (university or other advanced studies). Ideal if you're academic, curious, and think you might want a university degree.

### Options:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – Broad academic focus (humanities, natural sciences, social sciences).
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Business, economics, marketing focus.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Science, technology, and engineering focus.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** – Shorter, more practical; good if you prefer fewer years or didn't like traditional school much.

### Recommended if:

You enjoy studying, are curious about the world, and are considering going to university (e.g., to become a doctor, engineer, lawyer, teacher, psychologist, etc.)

## 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD/EGU)

These focus more on practical skills and prepare you for a specific job (or an apprenticeship).

### Areas include:

- Health and care (e.g., social- og sundhedsassistent)
- Business and service (e.g., retail, administration)
- Technical and industrial (e.g., electrician, carpenter, mechanic)
- Food and hospitality (e.g., chef, baker)

### **Recommended if:**

You want to work with your hands, like practical learning, and want to start earning earlier or are interested in a skilled trade.

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### **Some guiding questions to help you choose:**

- Do you enjoy academic subjects like science, math, languages, or history?
  - Do you want to go to university later?
  - Or do you prefer practical, hands-on work?
  - Do you already have a dream job or a strong interest?
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### **Based on your background:**

- Your bilingual and multicultural background is a strength – it can help in areas like international business, social work, health care, diplomacy, or education.
  - If you're not sure yet, **STX** or **HF** might give you the flexibility to figure things out.
  - If you're hands-on and already have a passion (e.g., for tech, cooking, or fixing things), an **EUD** path might suit you better.
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### **Still unsure?**

That's completely normal. You can:

- Talk to a **UU-vejleder (Youth Guidance Counselor)** – every municipality in Denmark offers guidance.
  - Visit schools during **open house events**.
  - Try a **brobygning (bridge-building course)** to test different programs for a week or two.
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Would you like help narrowing it down based on your interests (e.g., science, business, health, etc.) or hobbies? I can give more tailored advice.