

Uddannelsesvejledning for 16-årig



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Thailand. 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 — it's great that you're thinking ahead. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (which typically means you're coming out of **9th or 10th grade**, depending), your next step would usually be choosing between a few different **youth education pathways**. Here's a clear overview tailored to your situation:

Main Educational Paths After Primary School in Denmark

1. General Upper Secondary Education (Gymnasiale Uddannelser)

These are academic programs that prepare you for university.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)**: General, broad subjects like languages, history, science.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)**: Business-oriented – great if you like economics, marketing, or international trade.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination)**: Focus on science and tech – great for future engineers or tech enthusiasts.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)**: Shorter (2 years), more practical. Good if you want flexibility or had challenges earlier in school.

Recommended if:

- You like academic subjects.
- You think you might want to go to university.
- You're unsure but want to keep doors open.

2. Vocational Education and Training (EUD)

This combines school and apprenticeship in a company. You'll graduate with qualifications to go directly into a skilled job.

Examples:

- Electrician, carpenter, chef, IT technician, health care assistant.

Recommended if:

- You prefer learning by doing.
- You want to work sooner and don't need university.
- You're interested in a specific skilled trade or practical profession.

You can still take additional courses later if you change your mind and want to go to university (via **EUX**, a hybrid academic+vocational path).

3. **EUX (Combined Vocational + General)**

This lets you take both a **vocational education** and a **general upper secondary education** at the same time.

Recommended if:

- You want a trade but also want the option for higher education.
- You're willing to study a bit more to keep more doors open.

So, What Should You Choose?

Here are some questions to guide you:

- Do you enjoy school subjects like math, science, literature, or social studies? → **STX/HTX/HHX**
- Are you more hands-on and want to work sooner? → **EUD**
- Want to mix the two — a job and future study options? → **EUX**

Since you're fluent in Danish and likely bicultural (Danish + Thai), you might also have strong intercultural skills — a real advantage in fields like international business, healthcare, hospitality, or tech.

Suggested Action Steps

1. **Visit an *uddannelsesvejleder* (educational counselor)** at your school or kommune.
2. **Attend open house events** at local **gymnasier** or **erhvervsskoler**.
3. **Try a short internship or "brobygning"** (bridge-building program) to test a path.
4. Think about your **interests, strengths, and lifestyle goals** — school isn't one-size-fits-all.

If you'd like, you can tell me more about:

- Your favorite school subjects
- What kind of work sounds interesting
- Whether you're more academic or practical

... and I can help you narrow down the best options even more!