

Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Kenya. 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 a great question—and a very important time in your life. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (Folkeskole), you're now likely choosing between different options for your secondary education, known as **ungdomsuddannelser** in Danish. Here are the most common paths you can take, along with some recommendations based on different goals:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Academic Education)

These are for you if you're interested in going to **university later**:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)**: A broad, academic program with subjects like science, humanities, and social studies.
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)**: Focus on business, economics, and marketing. Great if you're interested in entrepreneurship or working in business.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)**: Focus on technology, IT, and science. Ideal if you're interested in engineering, science, or tech careers.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen)**: A 2-year academic program for students who want a shorter route to higher education.

Recommended if:

You enjoy school subjects, want to keep your options open, or aim to go to university.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

These are more hands-on and prepare you to work right after, or to become an **apprentice** and specialize in a trade or profession:

- Examples: Electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, mechanic, health care worker.
- Some programs include both school and apprenticeship.

Recommended if:

You like working with your hands, want to learn a specific skill or profession, or prefer practical work over academic.

What to Consider When Choosing

Ask yourself:

- Do I like academic subjects (math, literature, science)?
- Do I want to go to university in the future?
- Do I prefer working hands-on or learning by doing?
- Are there role models (in your family, community, etc.) whose paths you admire?

Also, talk to your **guidance counselor (UU-vejleder)**—they can help you make a personal education plan based on your interests and strengths.

You Have Extra Strengths!

As someone with a Kenyan background and Danish upbringing, you have multicultural experience and language skills that are valuable in **global fields** like:

- International business (HHX)
 - Tech & innovation (HTX)
 - Health or social work (EUD or STX)
 - Politics or law (STX)
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Final Tip

If you're unsure, **STX or HF** are good "general" choices that keep many doors open, while **EUD** is great if you already know what trade you want to work in.

Would you like help deciding based on your **interests** or **dream job**? I can help you narrow it down.