

Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Malta. 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 it's excellent that you're thinking about your future at this point! Since you're 16, just finished *folkeskole* (primary and lower secondary school), and you're fluent in Danish, you have several strong options in Denmark's education system. Your next step will depend on your interests, career goals, and whether you're more academically or practically inclined.

Here's a breakdown of your main paths:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are 2–3-year academic programs that prepare you for higher education (university or university college).

♦ STX (Almen studentereksamen) – General upper secondary school

- Focuses on humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences.
- Great if you're interested in a broad academic foundation and potentially going to university.

♦ HHX (Higher Commercial Examination) – Business-oriented


- Focuses on economics, marketing, and international business.
- Ideal if you're interested in working in business, finance, or marketing later.

♦ HTX (Higher Technical Examination) – Technical and science-oriented

- Strong emphasis on natural sciences, technology, and innovation.
- Good for future engineers, architects, or tech professionals.

♦ HF (Higher Preparatory Examination) – Shorter 2-year program


- More flexible, with less emphasis on math and science than STX.
- Often chosen by those who didn't take the full 10th grade or want to fast-track into vocational education or teacher/nursing programs.

 **Recommended if:** You want to keep your options open for university, and you enjoy theoretical subjects like languages, science, history, or economics.

2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

These programs combine classroom learning and apprenticeships with companies.

- Fields include: carpentry, mechanics, hairdressing, IT support, cooking, healthcare, etc.
- Typically takes 3–4 years depending on the program and internship availability.
- Leads directly to a job or further vocational training.

 **Recommended if:** You prefer hands-on learning, want to start working sooner, or are passionate about a trade or specific skill area.

3. Combination programs or other options

- **EUX:** Combines vocational training with upper secondary education. You learn a trade *and* qualify for university.
- **10th grade (10. klasse):** Optional, but some students take this year to mature, improve grades, or decide what to do next.
- **International programs:** You could consider the International Baccalaureate (IB) if you're interested in a more global academic experience (especially with your Maltese background).

Things to ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy school subjects and want to continue studying? → Consider STX/HHX/HTX/HF.
- Do I prefer practical, hands-on learning? → Consider EUD or EUX.
- Do I have a dream job or field in mind? → Let that guide your choice.
- Do I want to study in Denmark only, or also keep the door open for studies abroad? → IB or STX might help here.

Want to tell me more?

I can give you a much more specific recommendation if you share:

- Your favorite subjects in school?
- Your hobbies or what you enjoy doing in your free time?
- Any ideas you have about what kind of job you'd like one day?

Let's figure it out together!