

# Uddannelsesvejledning efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Jordan. 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 — it's great that you're thinking about your next steps so thoughtfully. Since you're 16, have finished primary school, and are fluent in Danish, you now have a few different options in Denmark's education system, depending on your interests, strengths, and career goals.

Here's a breakdown of the most common **educational paths after primary/lower secondary school** ("Folkeskole") in Denmark:

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

This is the academic route that prepares you for university.

- **STX (Almen Studentereksamen)**: A broad and traditional academic education. Good if you're interested in humanities, science, or social studies and want to go to university.
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)**: Focus on business, economics, and marketing. Ideal if you're business-minded or want to study something like international trade or management.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)**: Focus on technical and natural sciences. Perfect if you're into IT, engineering, or technology.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)**: A 2-year program (instead of 3) that's more practice-oriented. Good if you want a faster route to certain professions or university.

#### **A** Choose this path if:

You like studying, want a broader foundation, and may want to go to university later on.

## **⋘** 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education & Training - EUD/EGU)

This is a more hands-on, job-oriented path. You spend time both in school and as an apprentice in a company.

- You can become a **mechanic**, **carpenter**, **hairdresser**, **chef**, **IT supporter**, **electrician**, etc.
- Some programs also offer "**EUX**" a combination of vocational training with a gymnasium-level education, so you can still go to university if you want.

### **Choose this path if:**

You prefer learning by doing and want to start working or earning money earlier. It's also a great choice if you're not a fan of traditional academic study.



## 💼 3. Special Programs or Bridges

- If you're unsure what to choose, "brobygning" (bridge-building programs) let you try different types of education for a short period.
- Some municipalities offer **10th grade** as a bridge year before deciding. If you're uncertain or want to strengthen your grades, this could be a good option.

#### How to Choose?

Here are some questions to help guide your decision:

- Do you enjoy school and academic subjects?
- Do you learn better by reading and writing, or by doing and creating?
- Are you interested in going to university?
- Do you already have a career in mind?

#### **With your background**

Being fluent in Danish and growing up in Denmark gives you full access to all these paths — nothing is off-limits. If you're bilingual or bicultural, that can also be a huge advantage in international business, translation, healthcare, and more.

Would you like help choosing based on your **interests**, like what subjects you enjoy or what you want to do in the future? I can suggest a more tailored path.