

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Marshall Islands. 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 one for your future. Since you've just finished **primary school in Denmark** (which typically ends around 9th or 10th grade), you now have a few main educational paths to choose from. Here's a breakdown to help you decide based on your interests, strengths, and goals:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These prepare you for university and are usually **3 years** long. They are best if you think you might want to go to **university later**.

Options:

- **STX (Studentereksamen):** Focus on academic subjects like science, languages, history, etc. Good for a broad range of university programs.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination):** Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination):** Focus on technology, science, IT – good if you're into engineering, health science, or technical careers.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination):** A 2-year program, more flexible, often used by those who want to apply to shorter university programs or need a more mature environment.

✓ Best for you if:

- You enjoy academic subjects
- You're considering going to university (e.g., to become a doctor, engineer, teacher, etc.)

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

This is a more hands-on path that combines **school + apprenticeship**. You learn a trade and typically start working sooner.

Examples of fields:

- Electrician
- Carpenter

- Hairdresser
- Mechanic
- Social and health care (SOSU)
- Chef or baker

✓ Best for you if:

- You like practical work
- You want to start earning money sooner
- You want to become skilled in a specific job

3. Kombineret Uddannelse (EUX)

A mix of the two above — you get **both a vocational education and a studentereksamen**, so you can **both work and go to university later**.

✓ Best for you if:

- You want options: skilled trade + the ability to go to university
- You're motivated and ready to work hard — it's a demanding path

How to Choose?

Ask yourself:

- **Do I want to go to university?** → STX, HHX, HTX, HF
- **Do I prefer working with my hands or practical learning?** → EUD
- **Do I want to keep both options open?** → EUX

Next Steps:

1. **Visit a UU-vejleder (Youth Guidance Counselor)** – every kommune in Denmark offers free counseling.
2. **Try “Brobygning”** – short internships or orientation weeks where you test different educations.
3. **Talk to older students** or people working in jobs you're curious about.

Special Tip for You:

As someone with **roots in the Marshall Islands**, you might also think about how your background can be a strength. For example:

- Interested in climate change, marine science, or international law? Your unique perspective could be powerful.

- Want to contribute to island communities in the future? Consider education paths that allow you to give back later.
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Would you like me to suggest a few specific study programs based on your **interests or dream jobs**?