

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Samoa. 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 a great moment in your life to pause and think carefully about your next step. Since you're in Denmark and just finished **folkeskole** (primary/lower secondary school), you're likely choosing between a few main educational paths. Here's a breakdown of your options, along with some advice tailored to your situation:

Educational Options After Folkeskole in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are 3-year programs that prepare you for higher education (university).

- **STX (Studentereksamen):** General academic focus. Good if you're interested in subjects like languages, history, social studies, or sciences.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme):** Focus on business, economics, marketing — great if you're interested in working in or studying business.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme):** Focus on technology, science, and engineering — ideal if you enjoy math, IT, or natural sciences.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination Programme):** A 2-year academic program — more practical/theoretical and often chosen by students who want a shorter route or a second chance.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

A combination of school and apprenticeship. You learn a trade and usually get paid during your apprenticeship.

- Examples: Electrician, chef, hairdresser, mechanic, carpenter, health worker, etc.
- Shorter route into the workforce and can still lead to further education (e.g., **EUX**, which combines vocational training with academic qualifications).

3. EUX – The hybrid path

A combination of **vocational education and gymnasial education**. You get both a trade and a qualification to go to university.

- Great if you're unsure whether you want to go to university later but still want job-ready skills.

How to Decide?

Here are some **questions to ask yourself**:

- Do I enjoy academic subjects and want to go to university later? → **STX, HHX, HTX, HF**
- Do I prefer practical, hands-on work? → **EUD**
- Do I want both options open? → **EUX**
- Am I interested in business, technology, or health? → Choose the path with that specialization (HHX for business, HTX for technology, EUD for health/social care, etc.)
- Would I like to finish school faster and work earlier? → **EUD** or **HF**

My Recommendation (Based on What You Shared)

Since you're fluent in Danish, were born and raised in Denmark, and just finished folkeskole, you have all the same opportunities as anyone else in Denmark. But your **cultural background from Samoa** can also give you a unique perspective that could be valuable in areas like:

- **Social work / teaching / youth counseling**
- **International relations or NGO work**
- **Entrepreneurship (especially if you're interested in connecting Denmark and the Pacific region)**
- **Health care** (where cultural understanding is important)

If you're still figuring out your interests and want flexibility, I'd recommend:

Consider starting with STX or HHX:

- They give you a **broad education**, and keep **university options open**.
- **HHX** is especially good if you're curious about business, trade, or global relations.

But if you already know you like **working with your hands or want to earn money sooner**, then:

Look at EUD or EUX, especially with a focus on health, tech, or mechanics.

Next Steps

1. Talk to your **school guidance counselor (UU-vejleder)** – they can help you apply.
2. Visit **educational fairs (uddannelsesmesser)** or **open house events** at local schools.
3. Try a **“brobygning”** (bridging program) to test different paths.
4. Look at www.ug.dk – it's Denmark's main site for educational guidance.

If you tell me more about your interests (e.g., favorite subjects, hobbies, or dream jobs), I can give you a more personalized recommendation!