

Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Uruguay. 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 your background — it's great that you're thinking carefully about your next steps. Since you're 16 and have completed Danish primary school (which ends after 9th or 10th grade), you're now at the stage where you choose your **youth education** pathway. Here's a breakdown of your main options in Denmark, with some thoughts tailored to you:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academically focused and typically last 3 years. They prepare you for higher education (university).

Main types:

- STX (Studentereksamen): Broad academic program (humanities, social sciences, natural sciences).
- HHX (Higher Commercial Exam): Focuses on business, economics, and international trade.
- HTX (Higher Technical Exam): Focuses on science, technology, and engineering.
- **HF** (Higher Preparatory Exam): Shorter (2 years), more flexible, often for those who want to go to university later or are unsure.

Recommended if:

- You enjoy studying and might want to go to university.
- You're interested in subjects like languages, social science, technology, or business.
- You're still exploring your interests.

<u>Less Example path: STX with Spanish as a second language could be a great bridge between your Uruguayan heritage and future career options.</u>

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – VET/EUD)

This combines school and apprenticeships and leads to a skilled trade.

Examples:

- Electrician, carpenter, mechanic
- Health care assistant, chef, graphic designer

• Digital/IT programs

Recommended if:

- You like practical, hands-on work.
- You want to start working and earning sooner.
- You're interested in a skilled trade or technical career.

Example path: You could study IT-supporter or media graphics — areas with both creative and tech elements.

3. Kombinerede Forløb (EUX – Dual VET + Gymnasium)

This is a hybrid path: you get both a vocational education **and** a general upper secondary qualification.

Recommended if:

- You want to keep the option of university open **and** learn a trade.
- You're motivated and organized (this is a demanding path).

— Cultural advantage

You're fluent in Danish and have a multicultural background — that's a strength. You might consider:

- Language studies (Danish, Spanish, English)
- International business (HHX)
- Global studies or social science (STX or HF)
- Tourism or hospitality (vocational)

How to choose?

Ask yourself:

- Do I want to go to university?
- Do I enjoy academic work?
- Would I rather work with my hands or start earning sooner?
- What subjects excite me?

You can also:

- Visit educational fairs (uddannelsesmesse)
- Take guidance from UddannelsesGuiden (ug.dk)
- Talk to a **UU-vejleder** (youth education counselor)

☆ My recommendation (based on your info):



If you're unsure but want to keep doors open, **STX or HHX** would be a good next step. Both prepare you well for university, and your Spanish background could be a real asset in global studies, business, or language programs.

Let me know what your interests are (e.g., tech, arts, languages, helping people, business), and I can help narrow it down even more.