

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Peru. 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 — you're in an important transition point, and it's great that you're thinking ahead. In Denmark, after finishing **primary school (folkeskole)** at around 15–16 years old, you have several educational options depending on your interests, academic strengths, and career goals.

Here's a breakdown of your main choices, along with recommendations based on different paths:

• 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are typically 3-year programs and prepare you for higher education (university):

a. STX (Studentereksamen)

- Focus: Broad academic subjects humanities, science, social science.
- **Good for**: If you're not sure what you want to do yet and want to keep your options open.
- **Recommendation**: Ideal if you like a mix of subjects and might want to go to university.

b. HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme)

- Focus: Business, economics, marketing, languages.
- **Good for**: If you're interested in business, international trade, or economics.
- **Recommendation**: Strong option if you're interested in entrepreneurship or international work (especially with your Peruvian background).

c. HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme)

- Focus: Science, technology, IT, and engineering.
- **Good for**: If you're into technology, design, or science.
- **Recommendation**: Great if you enjoy hands-on projects or want a career in tech or engineering.

d. HF (Higher Preparatory Examination Programme)

- **Focus**: Shorter (2 years), more practical.
- **Good for**: Those who want to move faster into specific higher education or aren't as academic.
- **Recommendation**: Consider only if you prefer a more practical, short-term academic path.



2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

These combine **school and apprenticeship** and typically last 2-4 years.

- Focus: Trades like carpentry, electrician, mechanic, hairdresser, chef, health care, etc.
- **Good for**: If you prefer hands-on work and want to start working sooner.
- **Recommendation**: Excellent if you enjoy working practically and want a job-oriented path.

Penmark also offers **EUX**, which combines vocational education with upper secondary academic qualifications — so you can both work in a trade and be eligible for university later.

What You Might Consider

Given your situation — fluent in Danish, a multicultural background, and just finishing folkeskole — here's what I'd suggest you ask yourself:

✓ Do you like school and academic subjects?

- If yes: STX, HHX, or HTX are good options.
- If you like science/tech: HTX.
- If you like languages, business, or international topics: HHX.

✓ Do you want to work with your hands or start a job sooner?

Then an EUD or EUX program in a field you're passionate about might be a better fit.

✓ Do you want the option to go to university later?

• Then STX, HHX, HTX, or EUX are best — all qualify you for higher education.

Bonus: You Have Peruvian Roots

You might consider:

- HHX: Because it includes international economics and languages potentially useful if you want to work with Latin America or internationally.
- Language skills: Consider maintaining or improving your Spanish it could open career doors in diplomacy, trade, translation, or business.

o Final Tips

- Visit education fairs or school open houses to get a feel for the environment.
- Talk to your school's **UU-vejleder (educational guidance counselor)** they can give tailored advice.



• Consider trying a **"brobygning"** (**bridge course**) — short programs that let you try different educations before deciding.

If you tell me more about what subjects you like or your interests (e.g., do you like science, helping people, business, etc.), I can give a more personalized recommendation.