

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Belgium. 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 great that you're fluent in Danish and have a clear cultural background! Since you're 16 and just finished primary school (which in Denmark typically ends around age 15-16 with the **9th or 10th grade of Folkeskole**), you're now at a natural crossroads in the Danish education system.

Here are the main options you can consider, along with what kind of person or goals each path fits best:

1. Gymnasium (General Upper Secondary Education)

This is the academic route, preparing you for university.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** Broad and academic, includes humanities, sciences, and social sciences.
- HHX (Højere handelseksamen) Focus on business, economics, and marketing.
- HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen) Focus on technology, natural sciences, and innovation.
- **IB (International Baccalaureate)** Taught in English, internationally recognized, great if you're considering studying abroad or working internationally.

Recommended if:

You enjoy academic work, plan to attend university, or want to keep your options open.

£ 2. EUD (Erhvervsuddannelse – Vocational Education and Training)

This path leads to a skilled trade or profession. Examples: electrician, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, IT supporter.

- Combines school with practical apprenticeships.
- Often shorter than gymnasium and leads directly to work or further technical studies.

Recommended if:

You prefer hands-on learning, want to work sooner, or are interested in specific trades.

👷 3. EUX – A Mix of Vocational and Academic

A hybrid between EUD and Gymnasium.

• Prepares you for both work and university.



• More demanding, but very flexible in terms of future opportunities.

Recommended if:

You're practical but also want the option to study later.

🢡 Things to Consider for Your Decision

- Do you enjoy academic subjects or practical work more?
- Are you thinking about university, or starting work sooner?
- Would you like to study or work internationally? (IB or language skills help here)
- Do you have specific interests already e.g., technology, business, healthcare, arts?

II Bonus: Belgian Roots

Your Belgian background may also give you an edge:

- You might speak French or Dutch which can help with international studies or jobs.
- If you consider studying in Belgium in the future, check how Danish qualifications transfer (most do quite smoothly within the EU).

Next Steps

- 1. **Talk to a guidance counselor (UU-vejleder)** You probably have one through your school or kommune.
- 2. Visit open house events ("abent hus") at local gymnasiums or vocational schools.
- 3. **Take career quizzes** (e.g., on ug.dk) to get a feel for your interests.

Would you like help narrowing it down based on your interests or goals (like what subjects you enjoy most, or what kind of work you imagine doing)?