

Uddannelsesvejledning i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Qatar. 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 exciting position right now with many opportunities ahead. Since you're 16 and have just finished primary school in Denmark, your next step typically involves choosing between several types of **upper secondary education**. Here's a breakdown of your main options, along with some guidance tailored to your situation:

Main Education Pathways After Primary School in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These programs prepare you for **university or higher education**. They last **3 years** and include:

- **STX (Studentereksamen):** Broad focus with many subject combinations – great if you're unsure yet what to specialize in.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination):** Focus on business, economics, and languages – good if you're interested in international business, marketing, or finance.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination):** Focus on science, tech, and engineering – great if you're into computers, design, or science.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination):** A 2-year program, more compact – often used if you prefer a more mature environment or want to apply to higher education quickly.

Recommendation:

If you're academically strong and want the option to go to **university**, STX or HHX might be the best fit. Since you're bilingual and potentially have an international background, HHX could give you an edge in business or international careers.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

These programs combine **school and apprenticeship** – great if you want to **learn a trade** and start working sooner. They typically last **3–4 years**, depending on the path.

Examples of trades:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- IT support technician

- Hairdresser
- Chef

Recommendation:

If you like hands-on work and want to get into a job fairly quickly, this is a strong option. Some programs can still lead to further education later.

3. Combination: EUX

A mix of **vocational education** and a **general upper secondary diploma**. You get both practical training and academic qualifications. Takes a bit longer (4–5 years), but keeps your options open.

Recommendation:

EUX is great if you're not sure whether you want to go straight to work or university. It's demanding but flexible.

Key Questions to Ask Yourself

- Do I want to go to university later, or start working sooner?
 - Am I more interested in business, science, technology, or something creative?
 - Do I like practical, hands-on learning or more academic work?
 - Would I enjoy a classroom environment for 3 more years, or prefer mixing school and real-world experience?
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Your Unique Advantage

You're Danish and also have a Qatari background. This gives you a **bilingual, bicultural** perspective that could be really valuable in:

- **International business or diplomacy** (HHX or STX)
 - **Technology and global collaboration** (HTX or EUX)
 - **Health or social sciences** (STX or HF)
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Final Advice

If you're still unsure:

- **Visit educational fairs** in Denmark.
 - **Talk to a student counselor (studievejleder)** at your local school or youth education center (UU-vejledning).
 - **Try internships or bridge programs (brobygning)** that let you test different types of schools.
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Would you like help exploring specific careers or how to match your interests to the right education path? Or are you leaning toward something like business, tech, health, or creative arts?