

Uddannelsesvejledning for 16-årig



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Tuvalu. 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 seriously about your next step after finishing primary school. Since you're 16 and have completed **folkeskolen** (Danish primary and lower secondary education), you're at the stage where you can choose between several educational paths depending on your interests, strengths, and future goals.

Here's a breakdown of your main options in Denmark, with some guidance to help you decide:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are for students aiming for university later.

STX (Studentereksamen) – General upper secondary school

- Focus: Broad academic education including science, humanities, and social studies.
- Good for: Students who want to keep their options open for university studies.
- Duration: 3 years.

HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- Focus: Business, economics, international trade, and languages.
- Good for: Interested in business, finance, or entrepreneurship.
- Duration: 3 years.

HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- Focus: Technology, natural sciences, IT, and innovation.
- Good for: Students interested in engineering, technology, or science.
- Duration: 3 years.

HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)

- More flexible, shorter (2 years), and often used by people who need a slightly different path to higher education.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

This is a great option if you prefer hands-on learning and want to work after a few years.

- Focus: Practical training in areas like carpentry, plumbing, health care, IT, gastronomy, etc.
- Combines school with apprenticeships.
- Duration: 2–5 years depending on the track.

Examples of vocational programs:

- Electrician
- Chef
- Hairdresser
- Health care assistant
- IT-supporter

You can also take the **EUX**, which combines vocational training with upper secondary academic studies – letting you both learn a trade *and* qualify for university later.

What should guide your choice?

Ask yourself these questions:

- Do you enjoy academic subjects and possibly want to go to university? → Go for STX, HHX, HTX, or HF.
- Do you prefer learning by doing and want a job sooner? → Consider EUD or EUX.
- Are there areas you already feel passionate about (tech, people, business, art)?
- Do you like working with your hands, solving real-world problems, or being around people?

Bonus thought:

Since you have a multicultural background (Danish-Tuvaluan), you may bring unique perspectives. If you're interested, you could explore studies or paths related to:

- **Global studies / international relations**
- **Environmental science** (Tuvalu is deeply affected by climate change)
- **Language and culture** (to preserve and share your heritage)

Recommendation Summary:

If you're unsure and want to **keep doors open**:

👉 **STX** is the broadest and safest path toward future university options.

If you like **business or trade**:

👉 **HHX** or **EUX** with a **business focus**.

If you're into **tech, science, or engineering**:

👉 **HTX** or **EUX** with a tech focus.

If you want to **work sooner and learn practically**:

👉 **EUD** in a field that interests you (like IT, health, or trades).

If you tell me a bit more about your **interests, strengths in school, or what kind of work you might enjoy**, I can give you a more tailored suggestion.