

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Slovakia. 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 ahead about your future. Since you're 16, just finished primary school in Denmark, and are fluent in Danish, you have several good options for your next educational step. Here's a breakdown to help guide your decision, depending on your interests, goals, and learning style:

🎓 Main Educational Paths After Primary School in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are academically focused and prepare you for university.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** Broad academic focus. Good if you're not sure yet what to study later.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen):** Business and economics focus. Great if you're interested in international trade, marketing, finance, or entrepreneurship.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen):** Focus on science and technology. Good if you like math, physics, biology, or IT.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen):** Shorter (2 years), more practical. Good if you want to keep doors open but need a quicker route to further education.

✅ **Choose this if:** You enjoy studying, might want to go to university, and like theoretical learning.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

More hands-on. You learn a trade or profession and often split your time between school and apprenticeship.

- Examples: Electrician, carpenter, chef, mechanic, social and health care worker (SOSU), IT technician.
- Usually takes 3-5 years depending on the program.

✅ **Choose this if:** You prefer practical learning, want to enter the workforce sooner, or are interested in a specific skilled trade.

3. EUX (Combination of EUD + Gymnasial Exam)

A combo program where you get both vocational training **and** a general upper secondary exam (like a mix of EUD and STX).

✓ **Choose this if:** You want to keep the option of going to university **and** want a trade or hands-on career path.

Your Background as a Strength

- Being bilingual and bicultural (Danish-Slovak) can be a huge asset in business, international studies, diplomacy, or tourism.
- If you're interested, you could consider fields like translation, international relations, or cross-cultural communication.

Questions to Ask Yourself

- Do you enjoy academic subjects like history, languages, or science?
- Or do you prefer working with your hands, being active, or seeing practical results?
- Do you want to go to university later, or start working sooner?

Recommendation Based on Common Scenarios

Your Preference	Suggested Path
Not sure yet, want to keep options open	STX or EUX
Interested in business or finance	HHX
Love science or engineering	HTX or EUX with technical focus
Want to work with hands/on-the-job training	EUD (e.g. electrician, mechanic, chef)
Want to become a nurse, caregiver, etc.	SOSU or HF

Final Tip

Visit "**UddannelsesGuiden**" ([ug.dk](https://www.uddannelsesguiden.net/)) – it's Denmark's official education guide where you can explore all these options, see requirements, and find schools near you.

If you tell me more about your interests (subjects you like, hobbies, career ideas), I can give more tailored advice.