

# Uddannelsesvejledning efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Tunisia. 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 place in life, and it's great that you're thinking carefully about your future. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (which usually ends around 9th or 10th grade), your next step is typically one of the following educational paths:

## Main Educational Paths After Primary School in Denmark

### 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education / "Gymnasium")

- These are academic programs preparing you for higher education (university).
- Options include:
  - **STX** – General upper secondary education (broad subjects: science, humanities, etc.)
  - **HHX** – Business-oriented upper secondary education (economy, marketing, international trade)
  - **HTX** – Technological/science-focused education (engineering, IT, science)
  - **HF** – Shorter (2 years), for students wanting a more direct route to higher education

**Choose this if:** You enjoy studying, want a broad academic education, and might want to go to university later.

### 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training / EUD)

- Hands-on, job-focused education with apprenticeships
- Leads to skilled professions (e.g. electrician, chef, mechanic, healthcare assistant)

**Choose this if:** You prefer practical work and want to start earning sooner, but can still pursue further education later.

### 3. Kombinerede forløb (EUX)

- A mix of vocational training and general education
- Gives both a skilled trade qualification *and* the right to enter university

**Choose this if:** You want the best of both worlds — a trade + university access

## Choosing Based on Your Interests

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic subjects like history, languages, science, or math?
- Am I more interested in business, technology, or creative fields?
- Do I learn better through doing things hands-on?
- Do I want to start working sooner, or do I want to go to university?

## Cultural Identity as a Strength

Being bilingual and having a Tunisian background is a real asset:

- You can stand out in international business, diplomacy, or social work.
- You might find meaning in helping bridge cultures — think about careers in teaching, translation, international relations, or NGOs.

## Personal Recommendation Based on Your Profile

Since you're fluent in Danish, grew up in Denmark, and have completed primary school here, I'd recommend:

- **STX or HHX** if you're academically inclined and want to keep your options open.
  - **STX:** Great if you enjoy subjects like Danish, history, social studies, biology, etc.
  - **HHX:** Great if you like business, marketing, or entrepreneurship (many bilingual students thrive here)
- **EUX** if you want to keep the door open to university but also get practical job skills.

## Next Steps

1. **Visit an education guidance counselor (UU-vejledning)** – They can help you choose and apply.
2. **Visit schools** – Most gymnasiums and vocational schools have info days.
3. **Talk to people in different paths** – older students, family, teachers.
4. **Check [www.ug.dk](http://www.ug.dk)** – The official Danish education guide (very helpful and clear)

If you tell me more about your interests or subjects you liked most in school, I can give you a more personal recommendation.