

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Portugal. 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've finished primary school and are fluent in Danish—this gives you many options within the Danish education system. Since you're 16 and just finished *folkeskole*, here are the main educational paths you can consider in Denmark:

1. General Upper Secondary Education (Gymnasiale uddannelser)

These programs prepare you for university.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)**
Focus: Broad academic subjects (humanities, natural sciences, social sciences).
Good if you're not sure yet what you want to study or if you're aiming for university.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)**
Focus: Business, economics, marketing, international trade.
Good if you're interested in business or want to work internationally (could tie into your Portuguese roots).
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)**
Focus: Technology, natural sciences, innovation.
Great if you're into science, IT, engineering, or design.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen)**
A 2-year program, more practical than STX, often for students who want to go into health care or social work.

2. Vocational Education and Training (EUD - Erhvervsuddannelse)

This path is more hands-on and prepares you for a specific job or trade.

- You can become a carpenter, mechanic, electrician, chef, hairdresser, social worker, etc.
- Some programs combine work and school (apprenticeship system).
- If you're practical and like learning by doing, this might be ideal.

3. Combination Options

- **EUX:** Combines vocational education with general upper secondary subjects.
You'll be both job-ready and qualified for university.

Example: You can become an electrician and still go on to study engineering later.

4. Other Considerations

Given your Portuguese background, you could also:

- Consider exchange programs or international schools if you're interested in global studies.
 - Use your bilingual and bicultural skills in careers like international business, translation, diplomacy, or tourism.
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How to Decide?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic learning (reading, writing, theory)?
- Do I prefer working with my hands and seeing results quickly?
- Do I already know what job or field I'm interested in?

You could also:

- Talk to a **UU-vejleder** (educational guidance counselor).
 - Visit open house events at local *gymnasier* or vocational schools.
 - Try a **brobygning** (bridge-building program), where you try out different educations for a few weeks.
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Would you like me to help you explore paths based on your specific interests or strengths (e.g. math, people, creative work, etc.)?