

Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Mali. 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 a bit about yourself — it really helps to give tailored advice. Since you're 16, just finished primary school, and are fluent in Danish, you're at a key point where your next decision can shape your future quite a bit. Denmark has a flexible and well-supported education system, and you've got some good options.

Here are the main educational paths after primary/lower secondary school (folkeskole) in Denmark:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

If you're academically inclined or want to keep university as an option, this is the route to consider. There are several types:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** Focuses on a wide range of general subjects – humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen):** Business- and economics-oriented.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen):** Technology and science-oriented.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen):** A shorter, more practice-oriented program (2 years), good for those who prefer a more compact program.

Good for you if:

You enjoy academic subjects, want to go to university later, or you're still exploring your interests.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD/EGU)

If you prefer hands-on learning and want to get into a job sooner, vocational education can be a great path. You learn part-time at school and part-time as an apprentice in a company.

There are many fields like:

- Health and social care
- Construction and carpentry
- IT and programming
- Electrician or mechanic training

- Hairdressing, cooking, design, etc.

Good for you if:

You prefer practical work and want to enter the workforce sooner, or you're interested in a specific trade or profession.

What might help you decide?

1. **What are your interests?**

- Are you drawn to science, tech, helping others, business, arts?

2. **Do you learn better from books or doing things with your hands?**

3. **Would you like to go to university eventually, or get into a profession directly?**

Some advice tailored to your background:

- As a Danish-born person with Malian roots, you might also consider how you can bridge cultures — bilingual or multicultural skills can be valuable in healthcare, education, international business, or NGOs.
 - If you enjoy helping others, something like **HF + social work or pedagogy** could suit you.
 - If you're into tech or design, **HTX or a vocational path in IT** could open doors to well-paid careers and further education.
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Suggested next steps:

1. **Visit an "uddannelsesvejleder" (education counselor)** – You can get personal guidance tailored to your grades, interests, and opportunities.
 2. **Try an "introforløb" or short trial courses** in both gymnasium and vocational education. These are common and help you test the waters.
 3. **Check out the website:** www.ug.dk – it has info about all education options in Denmark.
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If you'd like, I can help you make a decision tree or weigh the pros and cons based on your interests. Just tell me what subjects or types of work you like!