

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Peru. 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 that! Since you're 16, just finished primary school (likely *folkeskolen*), and are considering your next step in Denmark, here's a clear overview of your options — and how to think about choosing the right path:

Main Education Paths After Primary School in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

Great if you're aiming for university later.

- **STX** (*Almen studentereksamen*) – Focus on humanities, sciences, and social studies. Very broad.
- **HHX** (*Højere handelseksamen*) – Focus on business, economics, marketing.
- **HTX** (*Højere teknisk eksamen*) – Focus on technology, IT, and sciences.
- **HF** (*Højere forberedelseksamen*) – Shorter (2 years), more practical, often for students who want to study further but maybe didn't thrive academically before.

✓ Good for: University ambitions, keeping many doors open.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – VET)

More hands-on, practical path, leading to a trade or profession.

- You learn partly in school, partly at a workplace (*praktik*).
- Fields include: mechanics, electrician, hairdresser, chef, healthcare assistant, IT-supporter, etc.
- Takes 3–5 years depending on the path.

✓ Good for: If you prefer hands-on work and want to start working earlier (though you can still continue to higher education if you want later).

3. Kombinerede forløb (EUX)

A combination of vocational training **and** a general upper secondary exam.

- Gives you both a trade **and** the chance to study further at university or professionshøjskole.
- More demanding, but very flexible long-term.

✓ Good for: If you want a skill/trade **AND** the chance to go to university later.

Your Personal Factors to Consider

- **You're fluent in Danish:** That's great — it opens all the options.
 - **Bicultural background:** This can be a strength, especially in jobs involving communication, culture, social work, or international business.
 - **Just finished primary school:** Most 16-year-olds in Denmark are entering or have just started *ungdomsuddannelse* — now is a great time to decide.
 - **Not sure yet what you want?** STX or HF gives you time to figure it out.
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- Do I enjoy academic subjects and learning theory?
 - Do I want to work soon, or keep studying?
 - Do I learn better by doing or reading/writing?
 - What am I naturally curious about? (tech, people, business, creativity?)
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💡 My Suggestion (Based on Your Situation)

If you're unsure what to do next and want to keep your options open:

- **STX** is a safe, flexible path.
- If you're more practical and like combining school and hands-on work: **EUX** is a very strong choice.
- If you're more into business: **HHX**.
- If you're more tech-minded: **HTX**.

If you're struggling to decide, **HF** might be a good 2-year middle ground.

Would you like me to suggest specific schools or programs near where you live in Denmark? Or would you like help exploring career options based on your interests?