

Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



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 that—you're at an exciting point in life with lots of options ahead. Since you're 16 and just finished *folkeskolen* (Danish primary and lower secondary education), here are the most common and relevant paths you can consider in Denmark:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are 3-year academic programs that prepare you for university.

► STX (Studentereksamen)

- Broadest academic program (languages, science, humanities).
- Good if you want to keep many options open.
- Ideal for university studies later.

► HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme)

- Focus on business, economics, marketing.
- Good for university in business or entering the job market with a commercial focus.

► HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme)

- Focus on science, technology, and engineering.
- Strong choice if you're into IT, science, or technical fields.

► HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)

- 2-year academic program, more practical.
- Often chosen by students who want a shorter route to higher education.
- More accessible if you didn't do super well in primary school.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

- Combination of school and apprenticeship.
- Trains you for a specific job (e.g., electrician, hairdresser, mechanic, healthcare worker).
- Takes 3–5 years depending on the program.
- You earn money during the apprenticeship period.

Good if: You're more hands-on, want to work sooner, or aren't planning on going to university.



What You Might Consider Based on Your Situation

Here are some tailored thoughts:

- **If you enjoy school** and are curious about the world, **STX or HHX** are great for keeping your future open—especially if you're still figuring out your interests.
- **If you're interested in tech, design, or science**, **HTX** could match your strengths and lead to well-paid jobs in demand.
- **If you prefer practical learning**, or want to start working and earning earlier, **EUD** could be a great choice—and you can still move on to higher education later if you want.
- If school was **challenging** or you're unsure about committing to 3 years, **HF** is a more flexible, shorter program with many pathways afterward.



Path Flexibility

The good news? In Denmark, **no path is final**. You can start on one route and later switch or build on it (e.g., take a vocational education and later go to university through a *videregående uddannelse* or *eux*).



Your Next Steps

1. **Think about your interests:** What subjects or activities do you enjoy most?
2. **Visit schools:** Attend open house events (orienteringsaften) at local gymnasier or vocational schools.
3. **Talk to a vejleder (guidance counselor):** They're trained to help you make the right choice.
4. **Try a Brobygning (Bridge-building) course:** A short trial where you try a school program before committing.

If you want, I can help you make a decision based on your interests or goals (e.g., jobs you like, school subjects you're good at, etc.). Just let me know!