

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Mauritania. 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 a great question — and it's fantastic that you're already thinking about your future at 16. Since you've just completed primary school in Denmark, your next step is typically one of the youth education paths (ungdomsuddannelser). What you choose depends on your interests, goals, and whether you're more academically or practically inclined. Here's an overview of your options:

Main Danish Education Paths After Primary School

1. STX – Gymnasial Uddannelse (General Upper Secondary Education)

- **Best for:** Students interested in university later.
- **Focus:** Academic subjects like Danish, English, science, social studies, and humanities.
- **Duration:** 3 years.
- **Outcome:** Access to universities and higher education.

2. HHX – Business-Oriented Upper Secondary Education

- **Best for:** Those interested in economics, business, or international trade.
- **Focus:** Economics, marketing, international trade, and languages.
- **Duration:** 3 years.
- **Outcome:** Access to higher education, especially within business fields.

3. HTX – Technical Upper Secondary Education

- **Best for:** Those interested in science, technology, and engineering.
- **Focus:** Mathematics, technology, natural sciences.
- **Duration:** 3 years.
- **Outcome:** Higher education access, especially technical fields like engineering.

4. EUX – Vocational Education with Academic Courses

- **Best for:** Students who want a profession **and** the option to go to university.
- **Focus:** Combines a vocational education (e.g., electrician, IT specialist, hairdresser) with general academic subjects.

- **Duration:** 4–5 years.
- **Outcome:** Vocational qualification + access to higher education.

5. EUD – Vocational Education and Training

- **Best for:** Students who want to work soon and prefer practical learning.
 - **Focus:** Apprenticeship + practical training (e.g., carpenter, chef, mechanic).
 - **Duration:** 2–4 years.
 - **Outcome:** You become skilled in a trade, ready to work.
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How to Choose?

Ask yourself:

- **Do I enjoy academic subjects like literature, history, or science?**
→ Consider STX, HTX, or HHX.
 - **Do I want a job soon and enjoy hands-on work?**
→ Consider EUD or EUX.
 - **Do I want to keep my options open for university but still learn a trade?**
→ EUX might be perfect for you.
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A Personal Recommendation

Since you're fluent in Danish, were born and raised in Denmark, and have a cultural background from Mauritania, you might have a strong sense of cultural flexibility — that's a big asset in areas like **international business, education, healthcare, diplomacy, tech, or social work**.

So if you're not sure yet, I'd recommend **STX** or **HHX** — they keep your options open and give you time to explore what you really enjoy. If you already have a passion (e.g., coding, mechanics, design, or cooking), then **EUX** could be very smart.

Extra Tip:

You can always talk to an **educational advisor (UU-vejleder)** at your local kommune. They can help you look at specific schools and programs that fit your goals and personality.

Would you like help figuring out which school types match your interests better? I can give you a short quiz or walk through your preferences with you.