

Uddannelsesvalg i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Marshall Islands. 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 just finished primary school in Denmark and you're 16, you're likely at the stage where you can choose between different youth education paths. The Danish education system offers several good options depending on your interests, strengths, and future goals. Here's a breakdown of the main paths and how to think about them:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

If you're interested in going to university later, or just want to keep your options open:

- **STX (Almen Studentereksamen)** – Broadest option with a mix of humanities, science, and social sciences.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme)** – Focus on business, economics, and international studies.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme)** – Focus on science, technology, and innovation.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)** – Shorter, more practical – good if you're unsure or want to get to university faster.

✓ Good choice if you:

- Enjoy academic subjects.
- Might want to go to university.
- Are unsure about your long-term career and want to keep doors open.

2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

This is a mix of school and apprenticeship (praktik), leading to a job or further training:

- For example: electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, chef, healthcare assistant, IT support, mechanic, etc.
- Takes 3-5 years, often with paid internship periods.
- Denmark has a strong system for this – skilled trades are well respected and often well paid.

✓ Good choice if you:

- Prefer hands-on work and learning by doing.

- Want to start earning sooner.
- Are interested in a specific trade or skill.

3. EUX – The Hybrid Path

- A mix of vocational training and gymnasium-level academics.
- Prepares you both for the workforce **and** gives access to university.
- More demanding, but gives you flexibility.

 Good choice if you:

- Want a job skill **and** the option to study further.
- Are ambitious and ready to work hard.

Some Questions to Ask Yourself:

- Do I enjoy school and studying, or do I prefer doing practical work?
- Do I want to go to university someday?
- What subjects or activities do I enjoy most?
- Are there jobs or fields I've dreamed about (e.g., tech, healthcare, business, mechanics)?

Tips:

- Visit **UddannelsesGuiden.dk** (UG.dk) – Denmark's official education site. It has quizzes and overviews of all education types.
- Talk to an **educational advisor (UU-vejleder)** – they can help you figure out what fits you best.
- You can also do a **10th grade** if you feel unsure or want to improve your grades before choosing.

Final Thought

Since you're bilingual and have a unique background, you could also consider paths that involve international relations, language, education, or even healthcare (where multicultural skills are in demand). But you don't need to decide everything now — just make a choice that keeps doors open while you learn more about what you enjoy.

Would you like help narrowing it down based on your interests or things you're good at?