

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Sweden. 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?

Great to hear you're thinking about your next step—this is an important and exciting time. Since you're 16, just finished *folkeskole* (primary/lower secondary education), and you're fluent in Danish, you have several solid educational options in Denmark. Here's a breakdown of your main pathways, depending on your interests and goals:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for higher education (university).

A) STX (Studentereksamen)

- **Focus:** Broad academic subjects – science, social science, humanities.
- **Good for:** If you're not sure what you want to study yet or if you want to keep your options open.
- **Duration:** 3 years.

B) HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- **Focus:** Business, economics, marketing.
- **Good for:** If you're interested in business, finance, or entrepreneurship.
- **Duration:** 3 years.

C) HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- **Focus:** Science, technology, and engineering.
- **Good for:** If you like STEM subjects or want to go into engineering, IT, etc.
- **Duration:** 3 years.

D) HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)

- **Focus:** More flexible and shorter academic path.
- **Good for:** More mature students or if you prefer a 2-year program with fewer subjects.
- **Duration:** 2 years.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

- **Focus:** Hands-on, practical education leading directly to a job.
- **Fields:** Everything from carpentry and hairdressing to mechanics, cooking, or healthcare.
- **Good for:** If you want to start working sooner or prefer learning-by-doing.
- **Duration:** 2–5 years depending on the field.

There's also **EUX**, which combines vocational training with academic subjects, allowing you to both get a trade and qualify for university.

How to Decide?

Ask yourself:

- Do you enjoy studying theoretical subjects?
 - Do you already have an idea of what kind of job you want in the future?
 - Do you like working with your hands, being practical?
 - Do you want to go to university one day?
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BONUS: Your Swedish background

Your Swedish roots could also open doors to:

- **Studying in Sweden** later (many programs are free or low-cost for EU citizens).
 - **International programs** in Denmark or Sweden that are bilingual or in English/Swedish.
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My Recommendation (based on your info):

If you're unsure but want to keep your options open for university, **STX** is a strong, flexible choice. If you're more practically minded or interested in specific trades, then **EUX** or a vocational program might be a better fit.

Would you like help comparing specific schools or programs in your area? Or are you leaning toward a particular direction already?