



# Senior Project Tutoring

What is it and why do I need it?



# The Bard Learning Commons

- ❖ Located in central campus, behind Stone Row
  - **Visit our Instagram (@bardlearningcommons) for in-depth directions!**
- ❖ Collaborative, peer-to-peer tutoring
- ❖ Types of Tutoring We Offer:
  - Learning Strategies
  - English as a Second Language
  - Walk-In Writing Tutoring
  - Class-Specific Writing Tutoring
  - Subject-Tutoring
- ❖ And...Senior Project Tutoring!

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- ❖ Meet with a student tutor weekly, biweekly, or twice a week!
- ❖ **Time Management**
  - Scheduling your SPROJ tasks
  - Breaking down goals into smaller tasks
  - Organizing documents, citations, correspondence, etc.
- ❖ **Editing and Revision**
  - Your tutor can read no more than 10 pages of your sproj per meeting. (or 1 hour of prep work)
  - Not line-by-line editing, but working through ideas and structuring your argument.
- ❖ **Accountability and Conversation**
  - It's helpful to just have someone to talk to about your sproj, especially someone who isn't your advisor and who may or may not be familiar with your discipline.

# Why do I need it?

- ❖ The majority of Bard students have a Writing Fellow in FYSEM their first year here, and then their relationship with the BLC seems to end...
- ❖ And few Bard students seek out SPROJ tutoring their final year here, though EVERYONE has to complete a SPROJ...
- ❖ The majority of Bard seniors that seek out SPROJ tutoring do so the last few weeks before their SPROJ is due, and we often have to turn students away!
- ❖ **If you set up with a SPROJ tutor in advance of that deadline anxiety, you'll make better use of the program and you'll have a better chance of being set up with someone.**
  - Build confidence in yourself and your first major independent project
  - Have guaranteed writing and time management help
  - Builds community with fellow students

# How do I start SPROJ tutoring?

- ❖ Reach out to me ([LZINN@BARD.EDU](mailto:LZINN@BARD.EDU)) and/or the Learning Commons ([BLC@BARD.EDU](mailto:BLC@BARD.EDU)). Or you can just stop by the Learning Commons.
- ❖ I'll have a quick meeting with you to talk about your SPROJ and your tutoring needs.
- ❖ You'll be paired with a SPROJ tutor as early as that week we meet.
  - Your tutor will contact you to set up your tutoring sessions.
- ❖ **You can set up a SPROJ tutor at any point during the academic year! We recommend that you reach out sooner rather than later, just in case demand ramps up, and so you get the most out of your time with your tutor.**

That's it! At any point, you can stop SPROJ tutoring by letting your tutor know. If you ever encounter any problems or have any questions, you can always feel free to reach out to me.

# Contact Info and Resources

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