Binding Declaration Form
Thesis, Option Studio, and Courses
Master of Landscape Architecture in Urban Design
Master of Architecture in Urban Design

Name: _____   Program: _____

Email: _____ _____   Grad Month/Year: _____

*Please declare **ONE** of the following four curricular pathway for your third and fourth terms.*

*If you declare Thesis, please declare a total of **TWO** pathways below should you become ineligible for Thesis after the deadline. Your second choice is limited to numbers 1 and 2 below.*

1.   **I declare Option Studios in both FALL 2025 and SPRING 2026**
     I understand this option is the default program declaration and I will be administratively assigned this pathway at 12:00 PM on Monday, April 7, if I do not submit this form.

2.   **I declare an Option Studio in FALL 2025 and Electives in SPRING 2026**
     I understand this option is contingent on my receiving a minimum final grade of "Pass" in both Elements and UPD Option Studio.

3.   **I declare Electives in FALL 2025 and an Option Studio in SPRING 2026**
     I understand this option is contingent on my receiving a minimum final grade of "Pass" in both Elements and UPD Option Studio.

4.   **I declare an Option Studio + Thesis Prep* in FALL 2025 and Thesis in SPRING 2026**
     I understand this option is contingent on my receiving a minimum final grade of "Pass" in both Elements and UPD Option Studio and, at minimum, a "High Pass" in one of the two.

Student: _____
                    Signature   Date

* Students pursuing an independent thesis in their final spring semester must also enroll in the thesis preparation course in the preceding fall semester. Students are not permitted to take thesis and a spring option studio simultaneously.

*First-year Urban Design students are required to submit this form via email to their Program Manager (shutchinson@gsd.harvard.edu) no later than **12:00 pm (noon; ET) on Monday, April 7, 2025, in their second semester**. **By not submitting this form, students will be administratively assigned two option studios in their third and fourth terms.** The above deadline allows the UPD Department to schedule studios that match student demand.*

NOTE: The ability to declare a Thesis in place of a second Option Studio in the second year is contingent on receiving a minimum final grade of "Pass" in both Elements and UPD Option Studio and, at minimum, a "High Pass" in one of the two.

Changes to this binding declaration are not possible after 12:00 pm on April 7, 2025.