Binding Declaration Form
Thesis, Option Studio, or Project-Based Courses
Master in Urban Planning Program

Name: _____   Program: _____

Email: _____   Grad Month/Year: _____

Please select **at least one** of the options to declare your curricular pathway to satisfy your Project-Based Learning degree requirement. Students may declare more than one pathway below, such as two option studios or a fall studio and thesis.

_____ **I declare an <u>Option Studio</u> in FALL 2026**
I understand this option is the default program declaration, and I will be administratively assigned this pathway at 11:00 AM on Monday, April 6, if I do not submit this form.

_____ **I declare an <u>Option Studio</u> in SPRING 2027**

_____ **I declare <u>Thesis Prep</u>*in FALL 2026 and <u>Thesis</u> in SPRING 2027**
I understand this option is contingent on my receiving a minimum final grade of "Pass" in both first-year Core Studios.

_____ **I declare 8-units of <u>Project-Based Courses</u> in FALL 2026 and SPRING 2027**
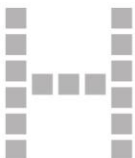
Student: _____
           Signature   Date

* Students pursuing thesis in the spring must also enroll in the thesis preparation course (GSD 9204) in the preceding fall semester. Students are not permitted to enroll in thesis and a spring option studio simultaneously.

*First-year Urban Planning students are required to submit this form via email to their Program Manager (shutchinson@gsd.harvard.edu) no later than **11:00 am (ET) on Monday, April 6, 2026, in their second semester**. If this form is not submitted by the deadline, the student will be assigned the program default of an option studio in their third term (Fall 2026). The above deadline allows the UPD Department to schedule studios that match student demand.*

<u>NOTE</u>: <u>The ability to declare a Thesis to satisfy the Project-Based Learning requirement is contingent on receiving a minimum final grade of "Pass" in both first-year core studios.</u>

Changes to this binding declaration are not possible after 11:00 am on April 6, 2026.