

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

Name: _____

Email: _____

Grad Month/Year: _____

UD students must declare **ONE** of the following four curricular pathways for their third and fourth terms.

If Thesis is chosen below, a total of **TWO** pathways must be selected in the event 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 2027 and SPRING 2028**

I understand this option is the default program declaration and I will be administratively assigned this pathway at 11:00 AM on Monday, April 5, if I do not submit this form.

_____ **2. I declare an Option Studio in FALL 2027 and Electives in SPRING 2028**

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 2027 and an Option Studio in SPRING 2028**

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 2027 and Thesis in SPRING 2028**

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, OR a minimum final grade of "Pass" in all first-year courses and, at a minimum, a "High Pass" in at least three 4-unit degree requirements or distributional electives. Students pursuing an independent thesis in their final spring semester must also enroll in the thesis prep (ADV 9204) in the fall semester. Students are not permitted to enroll in thesis and a spring option studio simultaneously.

Student: _____

Signature

Date

Changes to this binding declaration are not possible after 11:00 AM on April 5, 2027.

First-year Urban Design students are required to submit this form via email to their Program Manager (shutchinson@gsd.harvard.edu) in their second semester by no later than **11:00 am (ET) on Monday, April 5, 2027. 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.

