M.S. PROJECT AND THESIS OPTION FORM
Required for all master's student who is choosing the Project or Thesis option
Deadline: First week of Spring quarter (3rd quarter in the program)

Date: _____

Name: _____   Student ID: _____

Email: _____   Entry term (qrt/yr): _____

Capstone experience option: _____ MS Project   _____ MS Thesis

Faculty advisor *(must provide):* _____

When do you expect to graduate (date or quarter/year)? _____

Project Option	Thesis Option
Students must complete a research project under the guidance of a faculty member. The project will be approved by a committee of at least two faculty members and requires a presentation and written report. In the Project option, a maximum of 4 units of CS 297 Directed Research course can be counted towards elective requirements	Students must submit a master's thesis in accordance with the general requirements of the university. The thesis is original research work, and it should demonstrate the student's ability to study a research area, identify an open problem, and make a research contribution. The thesis requires a presentation and must be approved by a committee of at least three faculty members. In the thesis option, up to 12 units of CS 297 Directed Research or CS 299 Research for Thesis or Dissertation courses can be counted towards elective requirements

NOTE: Your signature below indicates that you have committed to complete the capstone experience with the project or thesis option. Changing back to the comprehensive exam option would need strong justification and approval of the Graduate Advisor.

_____   _____
Student Signature   Date

_____   _____
Requested Project/Thesis faculty advisor Signature   Date

_____   _____ Approve   _____ Disapprove
Graduate Advisor Signature   Date