

The College of William and Mary
School of Marine Science/Virginia Institute of Marine Science

APPLICATION TO BYPASS MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE
(This form must be submitted to the SMS Registrar no later than the start of the third year.)

STUDENT: _____ **DATE OF ENTRY**

(Print Name) (Print Semester, Year)

Date: _____ **Student's Signature:** _____

STUDENT: ATTACH RECENT SMS TRANSCRIPT, CV, STATEMENTS (see below) and Ph.D. PROSPECTUS.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(SIGNATURES OF ALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS REQUIRED)

This is to certify that all members of the student's Committee (1) recognize [the student's fulfillment of] the six requirements for a bypass of the Master of Science Degree, and (2) are of the opinion that the student has the scholarly potential and has demonstrated a level of excellence in research to proceed directly to the doctorate. Research has commenced on a project acceptable as a Ph.D. dissertation. Major advisor is to check each of the boxes below to certify that the student has met the stated requirements for the Bypass.

- Completion of the core course requirements for the M.S. degree: MSCI 501 A-D, MSCI 501L, MSCI 502, MSCI 502L, MSCI 504. (MSCI 505 is required of students entering prior to Fall 2005.)
- A student must be in good academic standing (cumulative GPA of B or better with no core course grade lower than B-). There will be no exceptions to this requirement.
- Submission of a CV and 1-2 page statement by the student describing the student's achievements and **demonstrated** potential to conduct independent research.
- Submission of a 1-2 page statement by the student's advisor describing the student's achievements and **demonstrated** potential to conduct independent research.
- Recommendation by the student's Advisory Committee to bypass the Master's degree.
- Formal acceptance of a **Ph.D.** prospectus by the student's committee.
- Successful completion of the qualifying exam **at the Ph.D. level.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MAJOR ADVISOR OR CO-ADVISOR _____

ACADEMIC STATUS and DEGREES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMEND / **DO NOT RECOMMEND**
(Comments on Reverse Side)

DATE: _____
CHAIR, ACADEMIC STATUS & DEGREES COMMITTEE

DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES ACTION

APPROVED / **DENIED**
(Comments on Reverse Side)

DATE: _____
DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES