

**COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY**  
SCHOOL OF MARINE SCIENCE / VIRGINIA INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE

**APPLICATION TO BYPASS M.S. DEGREE**

(Form must be submitted to the SMS Registrar no later than the start of the third year.)

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	DATE OF SMS ENTRY (TERM/YEAR)	BANNER ID
DEPARTMENT		STUDENT SIGNATURE	DATE

**ATTACH SMS TRANSCRIPT, CV, AND STATEMENTS (SEE ITEM #3-4)**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

This certifies that all members of the student's Committee (1) recognize the student's fulfillment of the requirements to be considered 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. **Major advisor is to check each of the boxes below to certify that the student has met the stated requirements for the Bypass.**

- 1. Approval of the Notification of Intent to Bypass M.S. Degree form.
- 2. A student must be in good academic standing (cumulative GPA of B or better with no core course grade lower than B-).
- 3. Submission of a CV and 1-2 page statement by the student describing the student's achievements and **demonstrated** potential to conduct independent research.
- 4. Submission of a 1-2 page statement by the student's advisor describing the student's achievements and **demonstrated** potential to conduct independent research.
- 5. Recommendation by the student's Advisory Committee to bypass the Master's degree.
- 6. Successful completion of the written comprehensive exam **at the Ph.D. level.**

APPROVAL BY DEPARTMENT CHAIR		
DEPARTMENT CHAIR NAME	DEPARTMENT CHAIR SIGNATURE	DATE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SIGNATURES OF ALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS REQUIRED)		
MAJOR ADVISOR NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
CO-MAJOR ADVISOR NAME (IF APPLICABLE)	SIGNATURE	DATE
COMMITTEE MEMBER NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
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ACADEMIC STATUS & DEGREES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:		<input type="radio"/> RECOMMEND	<input type="radio"/> DO NOT RECOMMEND
CHAIRPERSON, AS&DC	SIGNATURE	DATE	
ASSOCIATE DEAN OF ACADEMIC STUDIES ACTION:		<input type="radio"/> APPROVED	<input type="radio"/> DENIED
ASSOCIATE DEAN OF ACADEMIC STUDIES	SIGNATURE	DATE	

OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE RECEIVED:	ENTERED INTO MILESTONES:	ENTERED IN BANNER:	NOTIFIED STUDENT:	PROCESSED BY: