

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

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO BYPASS M.S. DEGREE

(Form must be submitted to the SMS Registrar prior to completion of Comprehensive Exam.)

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

ATTACH SMS TRANSCRIPT, CV, AND STUDENT STATEMENT (SEE ITEM #3)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

This certifies that all members of the student's Committee (1) recognize the student's ability to meet 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 to proceed directly to the doctorate. Research is planned for a project acceptable as a Ph.D. dissertation. **Major advisor is to check each of the boxes below to certify that the student will meet the following requirements for the Bypass.**

- 1. Completion of the SMS core curriculum for the M.S. degree as described in the Graduate Course Catalog.
- 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 potential to conduct independent research.

If the Intent to Bypass the M.S Degree is approved, students must then meet the following additional requirements prior to submitting the Application to Bypass the Master of Science Degree:

- Submission of a 1-2 page statement by the student's advisor describing the student's achievements and **demonstrated** potential to conduct independent research.
- Successful completion of the written comprehensive exam **at the Ph.D. level.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SIGNATURES OF ALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS REQUIRED)		
MAJOR ADVISOR NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
CO-MAJOR ADVISOR NAME (IF APPLICABLE)	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		

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