SCHOOL OF MARINE SCIENCE
APPLICATION TO BYPASS THE M.S. DEGREE

VIMS | WILLIAM & MARY
VIRGINIA INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE

Student Last Name	Student First Name		M.I.	Banner ID
SMS Admit Term (Semester & Year)	Completion Date – SMS Core	Completion Date – Intent to Bypass		Completion Date – Comp Exam
Student Signature		Date		

Note: The SMS Registrar will verify completion of SMS core courses, completion dates for intent to bypass and comp exam milestones (shaded boxes above) as well as confirm that an updated VIMS/SMS funding agreement with the advisor(s) is on file for the PhD program.

Please upload the following documents (i.e., PDF files preferred) to support your application to bypass:

- Student statement describing individual achievements and demonstrated potential to conduct independent research.
- Advisor/Co-Advisor statement describing student's achievements and demonstrated potential to conduct independent research.
- Current curriculum vitae or resume
- Current degree audit showing completion of SMS core courses (at MS level) and completion of comprehensive exam (at PhD level).

Advisory Committee Approval		
Major Advisor	Signature	Date
Co-Major Advisor	Signature	Date
Committee Member	Signature	Date
Committee Member	Signature	Date
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Recommendation by Academic Status & Degrees Committee:		
Chair, AS&DC	Signature	Date
Action by Associate Dean of Academic Affairs:		
Associate Dean, Academic Affairs	Signature	Date

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