

# START OF SEMESTER DEFENSE EXCEPTION REQUEST

Use this form to indicate you have fulfilled all requirements, including Advisory Committee review of your thesis or dissertation, and are requesting reduced enrollment to defend your thesis or dissertation only. Submit this form to the Graduate School at least three weeks prior to the exam day but no later than the Friday of the third week of classes. If approved, you will be registered by the Graduate School for one credit hour of enrollment. Students may use the Start of Semester Defense Exception only once per degree. International students must consult with an international student advisor regarding how the Start of Semester Defense Exception affects their immigration status.

Last/Family Name

First/Given Name

Middle Name

Last 4 digits of VT ID:

Citizenship

U.S. Citizen

Permanent Resident

Non-U.S. Citizen\*

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E-mail Address

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Campus

Blacksburg Hampton Roads National Capital Region Richmond  
Roanoke Southwest Virginia Virtual

Current Program:

Degree Level

Doctoral

Education Specialist

Master's

Date and Time of Defense:

Date

Time

If a later date is requested, please justify below.

I have already defended and am submitting this form to complete degree requirements.

STUDENT Signature

Date (MM/DD/YY)

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON Signature

Printed Name

e-mail (@vt.edu, preferred)

Date (MM/DD/YY)

DEPARTMENT HEAD Signature  
or authorized GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Printed Name

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Date (MM/DD/YY)

DEPARTMENT CONTACT (GRADUATE STAFF COORDINATOR) Signature

Date (MM/DD/YY)

GRADUATE SCHOOL Signature

Date (MM/DD/YY)

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