

Dear New M.A. Student of the GTU, affiliated with JST,

Greetings from all of us at JST. I hope you are keeping well.

I would like to present some further updates, along with **action items** for you to work on.

1) *New Dean of JST*: This week, JST welcomed our new Dean, Joseph Mueller, S.J. You may learn more about Dean Mueller [at this link](#). You will have further opportunity to encounter Dean Mueller as we proceed with Orientation.

2) *Time Zone Survey*: If you have not done so already, **please complete** the brief [Time Zone Survey](#).

3) *Course Schedule*: In preparation for meeting with your advisor to select courses for the fall semester, you are welcome to review the [GTU course schedule](#), which posts all classes offered throughout the GTU Consortium, including JST. You should select Fall 2020 as the term. *Please note*: Almost all JST courses will be offered either entirely asynchronously, or through a blend of asynchronous and synchronous elements. For the synchronous meetings, professors will take into account the time zones of students in the class. Therefore, times posted in the course schedule do not necessarily correspond to the times when synchronous meetings will take place. I have attached a sheet that lists JST professors' plans for fall 2020 courses, which are subject to change. You may contact a professor if you need more information on a specific course.

As for courses offered by other schools of the GTU Consortium, our understanding at this time is that these will be accessible virtually.

If you have questions on the above items, please contact me at [pkircher@scu.edu](mailto:pkircher@scu.edu), or Mary Beth Lamb at [melamb@scu.edu](mailto:melamb@scu.edu)

JST and SCU offices will be closed Friday, July 3, for the Fourth of July U.S. Independence Day holiday. I wish you a restful and peaceful weekend.

Kind regards,  
Paul