

Dear New Students,

I hope all is going well for you.

I have new information and **action steps (highlighted)** for you for this week.

1. *Moodle* - [Moodle](#) is the online course management platform for JST and for the entire Graduate Theological Union (GTU) consortium. Your professors will utilize this platform to communicate with you in the courses for which you have registered. They may post readings, recordings, and other materials, and conduct online forums asynchronously. You will need to be able to use Moodle in order to complete your coursework successfully. You should have received an e-mail from moodle@gtu.edu, sent to your scu.edu e-mail account, providing you with your initial login information. **Please retrieve this message and log-in to your Moodle account, and update your Moodle password.**
2. *Short Video on Moodle*: Once you have logged in to Moodle, please click on “Site Home” in the sidebar on the left. This will take you to the Welcome page. Scroll down to “Moodle Help for Students.” This will take you to your student guide for using Moodle. **Please listen to the short video posted under “Short Video for Navigating Moodle.”** We recommend that you continue **reading through the other sections** to begin familiarizing yourself with the various Moodle functions.
3. *Zoom meeting on Moodle*: **This Tuesday, July 14, you are invited to attend a Zoom meeting introducing you to Moodle.** This will be conducted by Diandra Erickson, the GTU Director of Digital Learning. This will take place from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. PDT (California time). We will inquire as to whether the meeting can be recorded, and if so, will send out the link to the recording if you cannot attend. Diandra will also offer the same session on Tuesday, August 11, at the same time.

Here is the information on the Zoom session:

Join Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, July 14, 8:30-9:30 a.m. PDT (California time)

<https://gtu.zoom.us/j/99680805363?pwd=UXp5NWF2WmNZMXJvUEMyVURJbUE4QT09>

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We hope to see you this Tuesday morning, July 14, for the Zoom meeting. In the meantime, please let me or Mary Beth Lamb (melamb@scu.edu) know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Paul