

June 25, 2020

Dear New M.A. Student affiliated with the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University,

Greetings from JST! I hope you are doing well.

Our Webinar for new students on June 19 is [available at this link](#). We began by introducing some JST-SCU staff members, and Interim Dean Alison Benders provided further updates about online learning in the fall semester. I provided an overview of Orientation, and Sarah Brockmeyer addressed the visa application process for new F-1 and J-1 visa students. We concluded with a “Q and A” (Question and Answer) session.

Please see the following updates on Orientation, some of which [request action](#) on your part:

1) *Fill out the Time Zone Survey*: In order to facilitate class sessions and meetings with students in locations throughout the world, we need to know the time zone where you will be located in the fall semester, from September through mid-December. Please fill out the [Time Zone survey at this link](#) by next Thursday, July 2.

2) *Technology Requirements*: The attached document outlines the technology requirements for online coursework at JST. Please review these requirements and be sure that you are properly equipped with the technology that you will need to engage in online learning.

3) *Online portal and school e-mail address*: The GTU will send you information about your online portal as a GTU student and your GTU student e-mail account.

5) *Orientation page*: Please see the [Orientation Fall 2020](#) page for updates about Orientation. We have begun posting communications to new students, and we will continue to update this page as new information is sent out.

We look forward to further interaction with you as we enter into the Orientation process. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me at [pkircher@scu.edu](mailto:pkircher@scu.edu), or Mary Beth Lamb, Senior Administrative Assistant for Student Life and Formation, at [melamb@scu.edu](mailto:melamb@scu.edu).

Blessings as you prepare for study at the GTU and JST,  
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