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Reading List

Key information

Year 2019/20
Credit value 15 (150 study hours)
Delivery PGT L7, Campus-based
Reading List View on UCL website
Tutor Dr Pedro Ferreira
Term Term 2
Timetable View on UCL website

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