Artificial Intelligence and Neural Computing (COMP0024)

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Key information

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

Assessment

- Written examination (main exam period): 90%
- Coursework: 5%
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