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Delivery: PGT L7, Campus-based
Reading List: View on UCL website
Tutor: Dr Joanna Faure Walker
Term: Term 2
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Assessment

- Written examination (departmentally managed): 30%
- Coursework: 50%
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