Informačný list predmetu

Akademický rok 2026/2027

Vysoká škola	Univerzita sv. Cyrila a Metoda v Trnave
Fakulta	FF UCM
Kód predmetu	KFAF/erSbi-J/16
Názov predmetu	Selected Bioethical Issues
Rozsah	3P
Počet kreditov	5
Vyučujúci	prof. RNDr. Peter Sýkora, PhD. (prednášajúci)

Cieľ

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Záverečné hodnotenie

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Váha hodnotenia predmetu (priebežné/záverečné)

0/100

Výsledky vzdelávania

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Biopolitics 3: international and domestic euthanasia law
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Odporúčaná literatúra

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KUHSE, H., SINGER, P. (eds.): 2009. A Companion to Bioethics, 2 nd ed., Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 640 pp., ISBN-13 978-1405163316 .
STEINMANN, M., SÝKORA, P., WIESING (eds.): 2009. Altruism reconsidered: exploring new approaches to property in human tissue. Aldershot, Hampshire: Ashgate, 330 pp., ISBN-13 978-0754672708.

Jazyk, ktorého znalosť je potrebná na absolvovanie predmetu

English