THTRE 2010 Dramatic Literature: Pulitzer Prize

2 hours

Majors, Minors & Degrees:

Majors
Acting (B.F.A.)
Directing (B.F.A.)
Musical Theatre (B.F.A.)
Theatre Arts (B.A.)
Theatre Arts Education (B.A.)
Theatre Design and Technology (B.F.A.)
Theatre Studies (B.F.A.)

Departments/Programs:

Theatre

The Pulitzer Prizes are regarded as one of the most prestigious awards that a writer or composer can win. The Pulitzer Prize in Drama is awarded "for a distinguished play by an American author, preferably original in its source, and dealing with American life". Given the emphases on American authorship and American life, this speaking-instructive dramatic literature course examines Pulitzer Prize winning plays such as *Angels in America, The Kentucky Cycle, Topdog/Underdog, Disgraced* and others to investigate questions about the features of a democracy and what it means to be a citizen of a democracy. The plays also serve as the basis for a series of oral presentations. The course also asks: To what extent is the representation of democratic principles and ideas a contributing factor in what plays win the Pulitzer Prize in Drama.