

Education Policy on ESL Coursework
(adopted by the NCA Legislative Council, November 1997)

Resolved, that National Communication Association urges that coursework in ESL language acquisition not be allowed to substitute for coursework in speaking, listening, or communication, even if the language acquisition courses contain oral communication components.

Resolved, that National Communication Association urges institutions of higher education to develop courses and components of courses in the oral aspects of ESL in close consultation with communication faculty. Moreover, NCA urges such consultations be carried out with adequate administrative resources and recognition so that the products of these consultations can be based on careful consideration of a sequence of knowledge and skills for learning and the development of adequate means of assessing student progress.