The Informatics Institute of Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey, has released its University Ranking by Academic Performance (URAP) Rankings for 2012. In the ranking for Germany, the University of Tübingen comes in at no. 5, after LMU Munich, Heidelberg, the Technische Universität München and the University. In the overall ranking of 2000 institutions of higher education worldwide, Tübingen came in at no. 131. The top three places are filled by Harvard, the University of Toronto and Johns Hopkins University. Of the European institutions, UK universities fared best, with Oxford placed seventh and Cambridge eleventh.

In the Life Sciences, Tübingen came in at no. 3 in Germany (75 internationally) and no. 4 in Clinical Medicine (89 worldwide). The University of Tübingen held steady in ninth place in the Environmental Sciences (206 internationally) and eleventh place in the Social Sciences (344 overall), and came in at no. 22 in Germany for the Natural Sciences (225 worldwide).

URAP’s main objective is to develop a ranking system for the world universities based on academic performances determined by quality and quantity of scholarly publications.

Details at: http://www.urapcenter.org/2012/